

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Celebrating over 60 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

The Tuesday evening meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Viking Grille. President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with 30 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: No birthdays to celebrate this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Jackson was on hand with some North Topeka news: A couple of building permits, with the buildings valued at \$300,000; Hoyt's at 4425 NW Highway 24 and Matthew Jones at 6330 NW Topeka Blvd. Slow progress reported on the Yingling building on Elm Row, with the gas meter finally set and the divisional wall between the two halves erected. The developer of the housing project at North Topeka and Menniger Road, Mah, is putting in streets for the second phase.

38th Annual Bob Cutter/Alan Rose Golf Classic at Lake Perry Country Club-GreatLIFE Golf and Fitness, Ozawie, Friday July 26th. 36 teams have signed up to play! Help is needed Thursday evening, Friday morning, and most of the day Friday, July 26th. Volunteers needed: hole monitors, drink stations and make lunches Friday morning at the club's Event Center.

Optimist Summer Cookout & Social, July 20, Luau themed decorations were provided by Tim McCoy. Around 30 members and guests were in attendance.

Board meeting 5:45 pm on August 13.

Player registration for the club's sports programs are moving along: football, golf, volleyball & basketball.

Remodeling at the club's Event Center includes widening entrance sidewalk, installing glass doors at the entrance and upgrading the kitchen.

President Tim McCoy read a poem entitled, "Try, Try, Try Again" by T.H. Palmer, which is often memorized by students at Cair Paravel school. Board members met with the new Seaman High School Principal Brad Jones to explain Optimist programs and USD 345 relationship. Tim suggested an initiative on club signage to promote community awareness of the club's activities and history.

Program: Dana Weaver, Solutions LLC

She is native Topekan who attended Topeka High School and now lives in the Washburn Rural area. She is in the process of adopting two teenagers. She started LLC Solutions 15 months ago after working as an administrator for retirement homes and/or nursing homes. She also worked for the state association. Now she provides leadership training and workforce development to assist administrators with workforce retention. Staff are paid low wages. A college degree in any field is required for an administrator position. Nonprofit homes have fewer problems with employee retention.

Upcoming Events:

July 30: Melinda Field, Blackstone Event Center in Silver Lake

August 6: Meeting at Brad's Corner Cafe, Trey Burton on Alzheimers

President's Quote: "You gotta stop thinkin' so negative son. 'Cause we can make it. We ain't never not made it yet."

- The Bandit in Smokey & the Bandit movie (1977)

