

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

The Tuesday morning meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center. President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 20 club members and guests present. Don Pekar gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Sunrise members celebrating a birthday this week are: Gordon Myers, July 10th; Curt Lewis, July 15th. Both were in attendance, so they both received the Sunrise Optimist rousing rendition of Happy Birthday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

38th Bob Cutter/Alan Rose Golf Classic, July 26th. Full field with 36 teams signed up. Next golf committee meeting July 17.

Election was held: Officers: for 2024-25
 President: Tim McCoy
 Vice-president: No nominations
 Sec/Treasurer: Corey McPherson
 Board members: Lloyd Becker, Charlie Galligher and Dave Jackson were elected to two-year terms

Optimist Summer Cookout, 5:00 pm, Saturday, July 20: RSVP by July 17.

Baseball tournament is done with some games under the lights on Monday. Registrations open for volleyball, basketball and football. Golf academy is scheduled July 27 to August 31.

Program: Gordon Myers, Retired School Supt & member of Sunrise Optimist Club

Gordon worked in public education for 48 years, retiring in 2020. He worked in five USD 345 elementary schools as a teacher and principal. He also worked as a principal & a superintendent in other districts. He's originally from the northwest and his wife is from the east coast. They have settled in Atchison.

He said that the Sunrise Optimist Club has maintained sustainability for more than 60 years. Gary Slimmer recruited him to the club in 1974.

The Annual Amelia Earhart Festival, July 18-20, in Atchison offers a variety of activities, www.aefestival@aaefm.org
 The festival started in 1997. In the Hangar Museum, there is the last Lockheed Electra 10-E plane which is identical to the plane Amelia Earhart last flew. Each year, there is a gathering of conspiracy fans to explain Amelia's crash and disappearance. Each year, there is a woman's Pioneering Achievement Award recipient. Atchison is also well-known for its haunted houses and offers ghost tours.

Upcoming Events:

July 16: Kenny Titus, Candidate for State Senate

July 23: Meeting at the Viking Grille, Dana Weaver, Solutions LLC

President's Quote: "Optimism is a strategy for making a better future. Because unless you believe that the

future can be better, you are unlikely to step up and take responsibility for making it so."

- Noam Chomsky
 (linguist & political activist)





THE SUNRISE OPTIMIST CLUB INVITES YOU TO A

SUMMER COOKOUT

720 NW 50th | July 20, 2024 | 5:00 PM

An evening cookout of burgers, brats and hot dogs with friends. If you enjoyed our spring Ham & Bean feed, join us again and bring a friend!

Members, please bring a side or dessert. Spouses welcome. BYOB. Donations beyond the cost of the meats will go to support the club.

