

# 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 25 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Ed Albert, August 16. The birthday choir rendition was maybe improved.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thanks to Mike Bates and Ted Appelhanz for providing dirt to grade front sidewalk of building. New front door for the Optimist building will be installed in next two weeks.

Board meeting 5:45 pm on August 13.

North Topeka News: Dave Jackson said building permits were issued for three houses, a building addition and a \$5.4 million building for HME, along NW 25th and west Button Road.

Football program has 5 additional teams in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grades. Games will start on Labor Day weekend and finish October month end. KC Chiefs provided shirts for coaches and referees in the flag football league. Coach meeting completed and weigh-in for all players to determine who is eligible to be a ball carrier is August 24-25. Food truck & barista will be available at Seaman high school football field.

**Program:** Rocky L. Bartlow, Old Abe Camp #16 SUVCW, Program on the Civil War.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (suvchw.org) meet monthly at Perkins restaurant and volunteer to keep headstones clean and maintained at Topeka cemetery where more than 1,100 veterans are buried. There is an auxiliary for daughters of civil war veterans. The original location of Civil War artifacts were kept at the Kansas Historical Museum at 10<sup>th</sup> and Jackson.

Civil War veterans came to Kansas after the war to settle the huge area of available land. Rocky has 4 great grandfathers who fought in the Civil War. In 1866, the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was formed to care for veterans and their widows and children. There were parades and flowers placed on graves on Memorial Day.

### Upcoming Events:

**August 20:** Juliet Abdel, Gov. Relations, Topeka Chamber of Commerce

**August 27:** Meeting at the Viking Grille, Brad Willson, Seaman USD 345 Supt.

**President's Quote:** "Life's battles don't always to the strong or faster man. But sooner or later, the man who wins is the man who thinks he can."

- Vince Lombardi, (head coach & general manager, Green Bay Packers, 1959-67)

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**SUNRISE OPTIMIST**  
**NORTH TOPEKA**  
 Meetings: Every  
 Tuesday 6:45 AM  
 720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka

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