

## **Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club**

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

The Tuesday mornning 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 17 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Mike Smith, August 21; Curtis Henderson, August 24. In their absence, the birthday choir rested.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Prep work for installation of a new south entrance door to the Optimist Event Center requires volunteers, 8:00 am, Monday, August 26. Contact Mike Bates bluesjazzman3@gmail.com.

North Topeka News: Dave Jackson reported that work is progressing on the new Soldier Township building. That Other Place business has added a second location across the street on North Kansas Avenue. Both Kendall Construction and Lesser Electric are adding structures.

Kendall Construction is celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year in business with a recognition at the end of October. Rick Kendall will officially retire then also.

Football schedule is finalized with one

game each weekend held at another location than the Seaman high and middle schools. Games start Labor Day weekend and end October 27. A total of 630 players, grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, are participating. Food truck concessions are

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Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka

Indian tacos at Seaman high and Blind Barista at the middle school. Fewer Christmas trees have been ordered for a total of 175 trees to ensure a sellout.

Officer Installation Dinner, Sunrise Optimist Club, 5:30 pm social hour, 6:30 pm lasagna dinner, 7:00 pm program, October 3, Olive Garden. RSVP Mike Bates, <a href="mailto:bluesjazzman3@gmail.com">bluesjazzman3@gmail.com</a>.

**Program:** Juliet Abdel, Government Relations & Regulatory Affairs, Topeka Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is privately funded. The **Chamber represents business interests** in city legislation, regulatory affairs and civic engagement. Eight years ago, it formed the Greater Topeka Partnership (GTP) as a collaboration with Visit Topeka, Downtown Topeka, Kansas River Development & Go Topeka organizations which are funded by private and government sources. Forty staff at GTP support the activities of these organization, as well as, Momentum 2027 strategic plan for Topeka and Shawnee county. She is originally from New York city and lived and worked in Oklahoma and Colorado.

## **Upcoming Events:**

**<u>August 27</u>**: Meeting at the Viking Grille,

Brad Willson, Seaman USD 345 Supt.

<u>President's Quote</u>: "When it rains, look for rainbows. When it's dark, look for stars."

- Unknown author

