

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

BIRTHDAYS: Jim Andrews, January 7; Marvin Smith, January 13; Ernie Douglas, January 20. None were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Club needs someone to run the Baseball Concession Stand during the club's youth baseball league next Summer.

February 1, 2025, 8:00 AM – Noon: Pancake Feed during club's basketball league games at Logan Elementary school.

February 28, 2025, 1:00 – 5:00 pm, Community Blood Bank Drive at Westridge Mall.

USD 345 School board decided to return to 7 period/day for the high school schedule in 2025-26 academic year. Low enrollment classes will continue to be dropped. Teachers and administrators promoted these changes. The school district will or has spent \$400,000 for lights and \$250,000 will be spent to upgrade backstop & dugouts on the varsity softball diamond. The former high school field house at Logan field (now used for storage) will be torn down rather than replace a gas line and repair the roof.

At the January 14, Sunrise Optimist board meeting, the board will consider upgrades to the kitchen area of the Sunrise Optimist Event Center.

Program: Larry Mah, Shawnee County Treasurer

He has been Treasurer for 12 years after working as an engineer for the phone company. He was a dishwasher and didn't want to learn to cook in the family business, the former China Inn. As the face of Shawnee county government, the office interacts with 250 to 600 residents each day. Improvements include on-line scheduling and front door host to ensure the visitor is at the right place and has all documents required for car license renewals, car titling & personal property taxes. The newly elected Treasurer, Susan Duffy, takes office 11 months after the election. Originally, the Treasurer inventoried county livestock.

Upcoming Events:

January 21: Seaman USD 345, Students of the Month

January 28: Evening Meeting at the Viking Grille, Roger McEowen, Washburn University School of Law, Professor of Taxation.

President's Quote: "Part of being

optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward."

- Nelson Mandela



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PRESENTS A

PANCAKE FEED

Featuring

All the pancakes you can eat!

Also serving: Sausage links, juice, coffee and milk.

TO BENEFIT THE

Winter Basketball Program

Price: \$5.00/each

Saturday, February 1, 2025

8:00AM – 12:00 Noon

Logan Elementary School

1124 NW Lyman Road

Support Sunrise Optimist Basketball!

Games at Logan Elementary School & Northern Hills Elementary every Saturday starting at 8:00 AM.

1st & 2nd Grade CO-ED, 3rd & 4th Grade CO-ED, 5th & 6th Grade CO-ED