

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 Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: Charles Galligher, February 8th. Charlie was there and "danced" along with our vocalization!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Youth basketball league is becoming more competitive after a tournament was scheduled. Football meeting with coaches decided to have 7 game season with games beginning on Labor Day weekend. Girls flag football for 6-8th and 9-12th grades will be added this coming Fall.

Pancake Feed, this past Saturday, February 1st, at Logan Elementary school netted approximately \$1,000 profit.

Ham & Bean Feed, February 15th, Social hour at 5:00 pm. Bring ham & beans or chili, side dish or desert to share. Beverages are BYOB. Invite a friend. Trivia game is after dinner. RSVP by February 13th, Tim McCoy, tim.handles.homes@gmail.com

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

Sunrise Optimist Club Board of Directors Meeting, 5:45 pm, February 11th Program: Nikki Ramirez Jennings, COO, Omni Circle https://www.omnicircle.org Connect, Collaborate, Create, 1301 S.W. Topeka Blvd.

Omni Circle is a Topeka based collaborative workspace provider for the personal and professional development of members, dedicated to creating a community that achieves success while building environmental sustainability. Omni Circle is becoming a great place for multicultural and multi-generational people to connect. It enhances leadership at the individual, interpersonal, and institutional levels for social development and economic impact. It supports small business start-ups and guides residents of the Central Park neighborhood for neighborhood cleanup activities: trash & litter removal, leaves & tree branch removal and beautification projects. Michael Odupitan, founder and CEO of Omni Circle, also attended.

Upcoming Events:

<u>February 11</u>: State Senator Chase Blazey, Senate Majority Leader <u>February 18</u>: Seaman USD 345, Students of the Month

President's Quote: "True hopefulness and optimism is what leads one to dare.

It is also what lifts one head up to dare again after a failed attempt."

- Bibi Bourelly (German singer & composer)



Greetings Optimists,

On Feb 15 at 5pm, the Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka will be hosting a Ham & Bean feed at the clubhouse. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Members, please bring a portion of ham & Beans, chili, a side, or dessert of your choice as able. Beverages will be BYOB (water, sodas, beers, etc). And of course, INVITE A FRIEND or acquaintance you feel might be a good addition to our group. This event is open to to club members, their spouses, and members' invitees only. There will be trivia to follow dinner, and we will see if I can stump the group. I hope not.

Please RSVP to me by 13 February, so we know if we will have enough food for all those attending. Look forward to seeing you all!

Tim McCoy President, Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka

