

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

**Celebrating over 50 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!**

Kyle McNorton called the Monday night meeting at the Viking Grille to order at 6:30 PM with 21 club members and guests attending. Datha McNorton gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No birthdays for the choir to celebrate.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Club is looking for volunteer(s) to run the Club's Oratorical and Essay Contests. This year's topic for the Oratorical Contest is: "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times". The topic for the Essay Contest is: "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow? Please contact Kyle McNorton for more information.

Winter basketball league began January 15, 2022 with games scheduled Saturdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Check out the web site for our Event Center at <https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

Kansas District Optimists 2nd Quarter Meeting in Topeka, Feb 18-19: Hot dogs, Brats and Bingo at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center on Friday night, Feb 18. See attached for more information.

Frank and Marilyn Yeoman are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Past Club President and Zone Lt. Governor Roger Barnes passed away this

past Saturday. Services are pending.

**Program:** Chelsey Wessel, Brewster Place Retirement Center

Brewster Place started in 1964 on 35 acres and currently has 400 residents with 370 staff persons. It offers a wide array of services in a variety of living settings – independent living, assisted living and long-term skilled nursing. A salt water heated pool at 88 degrees is available. Pickle ball and Osher adult learning classes and a variety of recreational and educational activities are available. Interns from Washburn University and Washburn Tech complete training requirements while serving residents.

Brewster Connect offers the ability to enjoy the amenities of Brewster while living at home without moving on site. Monthly fees are \$50 single and \$70 for a couple to access any and all social and cultural events, wellness opportunities, trips and educational seminars. [www.BrewsterLiving.org](http://www.BrewsterLiving.org) 785-274-3394

### **Upcoming Events:**

**February 1:** State Representative Dan Hawkins

**President's Quote:** "I do my best because I'm counting on you counting on me."  
- Maya Angelou



# FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

## KANSAS DISTRICT 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER CONFERENCE

### SUNRISE OPTIMIST EVENT CENTER

720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street - Topeka

FEBRUARY 18, 2022



# BINGO NIGHT FOR THE FOUNDATION



FOOD/FUN/FELLOWSHIP/PRIZES

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**FOOD: Hot Dogs and Bratz (NO CHARGE).....6:00 p.m.**

(Free will Donation Accepted)



**7:00 P.M.**

**\$5 FOR 1 CARD/ \$10 FOR 3 CARDS**

**If 5 people\* from your club attend and PLAY Bingo, each player will**

**Receive an additional Bingo Card FREE!!!**

**If 10 people\* from your club attend and play Bingo, each player will also receive a Raffle Ticket for the GIFT CARD TREE. (Value over \$100.)**

**1 Ticket for \$2, 3 for \$5, Arm Length for \$20**

**\*Do not have to be a member to qualify. Includes spouse and guests.**

**IMPORTANT! Please complete the first line of the Registration Form if you are going to join us!**

# Kansas District - Optimist International

## Second Quarter Conference

February 18 & 19, 2022

Topeka, KS



Meeting Place: Sunrise Optimist Event Center

720 NW 50th St

Topeka, KS 66617

CONFERENCE FEES:	Quantity	COST	TOTAL
<i>Friday Evening: Free Hot Dogs and Brats at 6, Then at 7 an evening of bingo</i>		Free Will	
<b>Need to know if you are going to join us</b>		Donation	
<i>Saturday lunch and miscellaneous meeting supplies:</i>		\$15.00	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Club &/or District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Club &/or District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Any Children Attending? Name(s) & age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special dietary/physical needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you will be attending your FIRST District Meeting:

Please return Registration forms to:

**Kansas District Optimist  
3908 SW 39th Terr  
Topeka, KS 66610**

**Please return this form by: February 13, 2022**

Please arrange for your overnight accommodations directly with:

**Holiday Inn Express  
601 US Highway 24  
Topeka, KS 66608  
785-861-7200  
Rate: \$80+ taxes**

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE! \*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE! \*\*\***

To receive this Special Optimist Rate mention code (KDO) Kansas District Optimists.  
Reservations must be made by:

**2/13/2022**



2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Kansas District Meeting February 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2022

Kansas District #37 Jeffrey “Hammer” Bachman-Governor

Meeting Location: The Sunrise Optimist Event Center 720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street Topeka, Kansas 66617

**Friday Night 2/18/2022** The Sunrise Optimist Event Center

**5 – 6 pm** Executive Committee Board Meeting

**6 – 7 p m** Hot Dogs & Brats our treat

**7 - 9 pm** Game Night: **BINGO**

\$5 a card or 3 for \$10

All proceeds will go to a well-deserved committee.

Come join us and bring a friend.

### **Saturday Meeting 2/19/2022**

**8 – 9 am** Registration

You must be signed in and registered and have a name tag to participate

In “The Luck of The Draw”. Once you have completed the above requirements you will receive a playing card. Always keep this card. During the meeting if we draw your card, you will win a prize!

**9:am** Welcome-Governor Bachman

**9:05 am** Present Colors and Pledge

9:15 am Welcome From: The City of Topeka, Kansas

**9:30 am** Welcome First Timers and Guests

**9:35 am** Welcome Guest Speaker:

Mr. Lashawn Taylor. Director of External Relations-Communities in Schools Mid-America Region

**10:15 am** Break (Collection of Snacks Brought by Optimist Members)

**10:45 am** Leadership Development-Dale Fox

**11:30 am** Lunch

**12:30 pm** Minutes-Mary Griffin

**12:35 pm** Accountability- Rod Obermeier

**12:40 pm** Optimist Group Activity-Kris Kirkes

**1:15 pm** Awards- Rod Obermeier

**1:25 pm** Break

**1:40 pm** Foundation-Dale Fox

**2:15 pm**

**Optimist Group Activity- Governor Bachman**

Oratorical Diana Carlin-Pierron

Essay Lisa Brummett

Health/Wellness Debbie Newton & Marlene Natoli

Lt. Governor's Zone Updates

Zone 1- Kris Kirkes

Zone 2-Ed Zeller

Zone 3-Ronn Peters

Zone 4-Jim Morris

Governor Elect- Mr. Doug Jardine

Governor Bachman's closing remarks and Creed



Communities  
In Schools

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Mid-America

We are partnering with Communities In Schools of Mid-America to host a snack drive for kids. Children facing hunger at home often need a nutritional snack during the day so they can focus on their studies instead of their tummies. Please consider donating items such as granola bars, breakfast bars, and individual packages of peanut butter or cheese crackers, trail mix, squeeze top apple sauce, raisins or cases of water. Thank you for continuing to support our students so that they can be successful.