

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Kyle McNorton called the Tuesday breakfast meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 16 club members attending. Don Pekrul 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. Mahomes Foundation is sponsoring a football coach's clinic at Arrowhead stadium this summer and youth camp outside KC area.

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

Kansas Optimist District Quarterly Meeting in Topeka, Feb 18-19: Brats and bingo at the club's Event Center on Friday night, Feb 18.

Communities in Schools Mid-America is collecting snack items for kids: granola and breakfast bars, trail mix, raisins etc.



Program: State Rep. Dan Hawkins, Republican majority leader

Rep. Hawkins worked his grandpa's dairy farm as a youth, graduated from Buhler high school and Emporia State University. He worked for Hormel in Fremont, NE with Spam products and then to Wichita with bacon slicing. After meat processing jobs, he sold health benefits insurance to employers.

He was first elected in 2013 along with 59 new legislators. Position turnover in the House is 25-30%. He's served as majority leader for 4 years.

Legislative issues are congressional and state redistricting, along with major economic incentives to attract a large employer to Kansas. The \$3 billion general revenue windfall is a one time event due to additional federal COVID funds. Leadership intends to set aside \$1 billion in a rainy day fund for economic downturn, \$1 billion to fund KPERs to 80% and some targeted tax cuts, e.g. partial reduction in sales tax on food items.

Upcoming Events:

February 8: State Trooper Don Hughes, Kansas Highway Patrol

February 15: Bruce Steinbrock, Advisors Excel, on volunteerism

President's Quote:

"Sometime questions are more important than answers."

- Nancy Willard

FRIDAY NIGHT EVENT

KANSAS DISTRICT 2ND QUARTER CONFERENCE

SUNRISE OPTIMIST EVENT CENTER

720 NW 50th Street - Topeka

FEBRUARY 18, 2022



BINGO NIGHT FOR THE FOUNDATION



FOOD/FUN/FELLOWSHIP/PRIZES

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	
Need to know if you are going to join us		Donation	
<i>Saturday lunch and miscellaneous meeting supplies:</i>		\$15.00	
		TOTAL	

Member Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Club Number: _____ Club &/or District Position: _____

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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



2nd Quarter Kansas District Meeting February 18th & 19th 2022

Kansas District #37 Jeffrey "Hammer" Bachman-Governor

Meeting Location: The Sunrise Optimist Event Center 720 NW 50th 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

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.

2ND QUARTER MEETING – TOPEKA, KS.

COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS DONATION LIST

This quarter, we are kindly asking for you to bring donations for Topeka's Community In Schools Program that helps provide snacks for vulnerable students throughout the district. Bring your donations to share with this community!

Please be sure that the packages are individually wrapped in the boxes you purchase – i.e., Peanut Butter Crackers come individually wrapped in packages of 8.

Granola Bars

Breakfast Bars

Individual peanut butter packages

Cheese or Peanut Butter crackers

Squeeze Apple Sauce

Trail Mix

Cases of Water

Your donation of nutritious snacks helps make our kids successful!