

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

12 club members and 1 guest braved the cold an icy weather on this "Twosday" 2-22-22 morning to meet with the Sunrise Optimist Club. President Kyle McNorton go up close and personal and called the meeting to order at 6:46 AM. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: The Sunrise Optimist Club member celebrating a birthday this week is Larry Vance on February 27th! Larry was not in attendance so the Sunrise chorus once again rested their voice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Word on the Street/North Topeka News:

Dave Jackson reported that there are four(4) houses being built east of the former East Indianola Grade School, at the intersection of NW 6th St & NW Taylor St.

Custom Dredge Works on NW Lower Silver Lake Rd, in the former Allis Chalmers building is expanding.

The 4,000 sq ft greenhouse expansion at Jackson's Greenhouse & Garden Center has been ordered.

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 ended February 19. Volleyball registrations are slowly coming in. A Kickball tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 9th for 11-year old's and older.

Check out the web site for our Event Center at

<https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

Kansas Optimist District 2nd Quarter Meeting was held at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center this past weekend, Feb 18-19. A good turnout for hotdogs, brats and bingo on Friday night, with the business portion of the meeting conducted on Saturday. Communities in Schools Mid-America was the recipient of snack items for collected by Optimist Clubs in attendance. The Sunrise Club contributed nearly \$150 in various snack items.

Program: Club Secretary-Treasurer Charlie Galligher provided a review of the Sunrise Optimist Club's Board of Directors meeting, which took place on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, February 28: Optimist Essay winner Lorna Smith & Anna Brodine, Sesame Street documentary.

Location: Viking Grille, 4731 NW Hunters Ridge Circle

President's Quote: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."
- Mother Teresa