

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Kyle McNorton called the Monday evening meeting to order at 6:45 PM with 14 club members and several guests attending. Datha McNorton gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Larry Carr, March 2;
Fred Patton, March 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Club is looking for volunteer(s) to run the Club's Oratorical and Essay Contests. Please contact Kyle McNorton for more information.

Volleyball registrations are open with games starting in April. PGA certified golf pro will lead summer golf clinic. Summer baseball & Fall football registrations are open. Easter egg hunt is planned Easter weekend and a kickball tourney July 29.

The board approved a USD 345 agreement to move playground equipment at former Indian Creek grade school. A small unit will be moved to the T-ball playground.

Check out the web site for our Event Center at

<https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

Program: Optimist Essay winner, Lorna Smith, & Anna Brodine, Sesame Street documentary.

Lorna Smith read her essay entitled, "How Does An Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?" She is a sophomore at

Holton High School and enjoys softball. Self-motivation, surrounding yourself with positive people and expressing your gratitude are what she believes are the pillars for an optimistic mindset.

Anna Brodine, a senior at Seaman, created a 12 minute documentary which won three awards. She researched the unsung hero's life of Joan Ganz Cooney who became the first female producer and creator of Sesame Street. Her product rivals ones seen on the History Channel. This started as a History Day project in her sophomore year and she revised it several times. She self-taught herself on how to produce this. Anna also volunteers at Shawnee County Parks & Rec working with children. <https://myhero.com/joan-ganz-cooney-doc> In college at Wichita State, she plans to continue her work on digital productions.

Upcoming Events:

March 8: Mark Stock, Director of Business & Industry Center for Washburn Tech

March 15: Alan Stahl, Public Education Officer for Topeka Fire Dept

President's Quote: "It's a funny thing about life. If you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it."

- William Somerset Maugham



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Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka