

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

We were back at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center when Kyle McNorton called the Tuesday morning meeting to order at 6:47 AM with 18 club members and guests attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: No Sunrise Optimist member is celebrating a birthday this week, so the Sunrise choir rested its voice!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Sunrise Optimist Club Board of Directors meets at 5:45 PM at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center, Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

The Club is looking for volunteer(s) to run the Club's Oratorical and Essay Contests. See the attached informational flyer for more information or contact Kyle McNorton.

Volleyball registrations are open with games starting in April. PGA certified golf pro will lead summer golf clinic with 90-minute sessions on Saturdays at Great Life North. Summer baseball & Fall football registrations are open. Easter egg hunt is planned Saturday, April 16, 2022 with the hunt beginning at 1:17 pm for three (3) age groups. A kickball tournament is planned for Saturday, July 9th with mini cornhole tournaments available throughout the day. There is a guarantee of pool play and then single elimination bracket play.

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 29, 2022 for

the 36th Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic!

President Kyle McNorton invited club members to take part in the superintendent search focus group at the Seaman High School library, beginning at 4:00 PM, Wednesday, March 9, 2022.

Check out the web site for our Event Center at

<https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

Program: Mark Stock, Director of the Business & Industry Center at Washburn Tech. Mark is originally from Troy, Kansas. Graduating in 1978 and then from KU in 1983 with a degree in Business Administration. He has spent his career in the public service sector, working on the city, county and state levels of government. Mark's last visit to the Sunrise Optimist Club was when he was the Shawnee County Assistant Election Commissioner. Washburn Tech's Business & Industry Center provides knowledge and real-world experiences through its academic programs, custom training and continuing education. Washburn Tech is the managing partner of a consortium of 17-member school districts. There are 3 locations of Washburn Tech on the Topeka area

Upcoming Events:

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

President's Quote: "If you don't have time to do it right, when do you have time to do it over?"

- Anonymous



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

OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2021-2022



ORATORICAL CONTEST

Beginning in 1928, the Oratorical Contest has become the longest-running program of Optimist International. The contest is designed for young people to gain experience in public speaking and provide them with an opportunity to compete for multiple college scholarships with a pre-assigned topic.

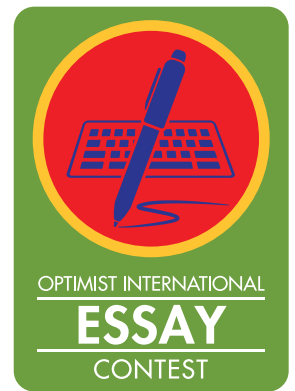
District Scholarships:
First Place: \$2,500 • Second Place: \$1,500 • Third Place: \$1,000
**with a chance to win up to \$22,500 at the
World Championships level**

ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live.

The approach can encompass a young person’s personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

One District Scholarship of \$2,500



COMMUNICATION CONTEST FOR THE DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

This contest offers an opportunity for students who are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing to present their thoughts in the community, gaining skills, which can only come from signing or speaking to a large audience. Patterned after the Optimist Oratorical Contest, the contest offers youth the chance to compete in speech or sign language with the chance to win a college scholarship.

One District Scholarship of \$2,500

KIDS SPEAK OUT! SPEECH CONTEST

All young people can compete in the Optimist Oratorical Contest. The “Kids Speak Out” contest is a “pre-Oratorical” program that provides a more equitable competition for younger speakers.



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