

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President Kyle McNorton called the Tuesday morning meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 16 club members and guests attending. Gary Slimmer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Quite a few Sunrise Club members are celebrating birthdays this week: Gary Slimmer-3/15, Alan Rose-3/16, Mark Fink-3/17 and Calvin Henry-3/20. Gary and Alan were in attendance and received a special rendition of Happy Birthday from the Sunrise chorus! So special that it brought a tear to the eye of Alan!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In North Topeka news: The vacant property at the north end of Vail Avenue near Highway 24 will be getting a new tenant, Topeka Landscaping. The new greenhouse has arrived at Jackson's with construction to begin soon. And David will be making his case to save 911 North Kansas Avenue from the wrecking ball before the city commission tonight.

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 at Lake Perry Country Club! Alan Rose announced that the golf committee will be meeting in Gary Domer's office, 2704 NW Topeka Blvd., this evening, March 14th at 5:30 PM.

President Kyle McNorton related that Seaman school district superintendent search is continuing with the school board receiving the applications this Thursday, March 17th.

President Kyle Mc Norton and Gary Domer visited with Dr. Steve Noble, Dr. Laura Lyons, and Joshua Synder last Friday, March 11th about relationship between Seaman school district and the Sunrise Optimist Club.

Check out the web site for our Event Center at

<https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

Program: Alan Stahl, Public Education Officer for the Topeka Fire Department.

Upcoming Events:

March 22: Monthly report from the club's Board of Directors

President's Quote: "No matter how far you have gone on the wrong road, turn back."

- Turkish Proverb



OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONTESTS 2020-2021



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



Topic
**“Reaching your Dreams
by Choosing Optimism”**



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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