

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

The Sunrise Optimist Club was back at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center for its regular Tuesday morning meeting. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 16 members and guests in attendance. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: No guests were introduced but we did have a new member induction. President Kyle McNorton officially welcomed Mike Shepard to the club. Mike was sponsored by Gary Scarlett.

BIRTHDAYS: The only Sunrise Optimist celebrating a birthday this week is Keith Sowards on June 1st. Keith was not in attendance but President Kyle confessed that the club missed his birthday on May 20th, so the club sang(?) a belated “Happy Birthday to Kyle!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In North Topeka news: The former North Plaza Bank/UMB Bank on North Topeka Avenue is now just a pile of rubble, with only the vault area remaining standing. Demolition is taking place for a drive-up only Chipolte’s. The club banked at North Plaza Bank for many year.

Baseball/Softball/Tee-ball season was to start this Tuesday, May 31st, but the rain & wind storm overnight delayed the start of the season for the third consecutive year! The Event Center will be busy though as the photographer will be on hand to take team pictures.

Dennis reports that a football league in the Lawrence/Basehor/Kansas City area is recruiting teams from our league. June 24th is the date for a KC Chiefs/USA Football “Blitz” at Washburn University.

Rolf Chappell reports the Concession Stand is ready for this summer’s activity, but could use some more volunteers. Contact him at ro.chappell@yahoo.com

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 29, 2022 for the 36th Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic at Lake Perry Country Club! Alan Rose reported that we had 30 teams for the 2021 tournament and is looking to improve on that number for 2022.

Program: Debbie Billingsley, Attorney, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Debbie provided information on how to become a volunteer at CASA to help abused and neglected children or to be part of the Citizen Review Board.

Upcoming Events:

June 7th: Mike Monaghan, retired Seaman High School and YCAT Principal.

Election of officers and Board of Directors for 2022-2023.

“Tuesday’s Troopers” – weed and mulch the flag display areas around the complex.

President’s Quote: “We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but habit.”
- Aristotle



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