

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

The regular Tuesday morning meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center.

President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 12 club members attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Sunrise Optimists celebrating a birthday this week: Gordon Myers, July 10th Gordon was not there so we sang to Rolf Chappell, June 28th, who didn't attend last week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Potluck & Pitch Tournament, July 25, at the Optimist Event Center. Bring your spouse, friend and side dish. Club will provide burgers & brats. Meet & Greet at 6 pm, Potluck at 6:30 and 5 pt Pitch Tournament from 7 – 9:00 pm.

Baseball games will finish up this week. Rain delays for tournament and regular season games this week. Fall line-up includes golf, volleyball and football. 2023 baseball season will add grade 9-11 league.

Thanks to Rolf Chappell and volunteers who staffed baseball concessions.

36th Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic at Lake Perry, Friday, July 29 volunteers:

July 28, 5:30 pm Load supplies

July 29 7:00 am Make sandwiches, Event Center
8:00 am Set up at golf course

Board meeting: 5:45 pm, Gary Domer's office on July 12th.

Check out the web site for our Event Center at

<https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

Program: Barry Feaker, Topeka Rescue Mission

He is a Topeka West high school grad and played offensive tackle in college football. He's married for 45 years and was Director at Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM) for 36 years, 1986-2021. During COVID, TRM switched to community outreach and reduced its 300 nightly homeless population by 50%. It had to prioritize emergency housing for those with a Topeka connection only. In 2020, TRM assisted 160 persons to acquire stable housing. TRM also expanded food distribution with 500 volunteers to 18 counties and served 110,000. In 2021, the mobile service unit brought a group of services and served 700 unsheltered persons. The homeless population has increased in age from 30 yrs old in 1990 to 60 yrs old in 2020. TRM will shift to a compassion strategy which emphasizes connections with others.

Upcoming Events:

July 9, 7:30 am & July 10, 6:30 am: moving playground set from Indian Creek to Sports Complex

July 12: Election of officers

President's Quote: "I always mean what I say, but I don't always say what I am thinking."

- Dean Smith



NORTH TOPEKA

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

Bring a Spouse,

Bring a Friend,

Bring a Side.

Potluck & Pitch

Sunrise Optimist Event Center

Monday July 25th

6:00 Meet & Greet

6:30 Potluck Dinner

7 – 9:00 5-point Pitch Tournament

Optimist Club will provide Burgers and Brats

To make sure we have enough, please RSVP to Kyle

Text: 785-633-1492 – Email: kyle.e.mcnorton@gmail.com

If enough interest, we will have beginner/learning table(s)

PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR OUR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY