

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Celebrating over 60 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 18 club members attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Ed Albert, August 16; Michael Smith, August 21. Ed was present to receive birthday greetings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Brad Willson, Superintendent for USD 345, was present. He has purchased a home, his wife is an attorney and has a kid are enrolled in Seaman High School and another at KSU.

In North Topeka news: David Jackson reports that the Haas group(HME) purchased Wagner Mudjacking, but will not be in the mud jacking business and will be renting out the building on Lower Silver Lake Road instead.

Board meeting, 5:45 pm, August 16 at the Optimist Event Center.

Club's website will be updated and will be the primary site for all club activities.

Football games start September 10 and tournament will overlap with the start of basketball. Volleyball and golf are open for registrations.

Optimist Essay & Oratorical competition: club volunteer needed to work with USD 345 staff who will recruit and prepare students.

Program: Fred Owens, CEO of Crossroads Restoration Discipleship Center.

He is a native Topekan who attended Highland Park high school. He worked in the hospitality industry, starting out as a dishwasher at the Ramada Inn and then became a chef after attending culinary school. He managed several restaurants and most recently managed a senior living facility. As he returned to Topeka, his ministry work led him to work with foster care children who are aging out after multiple placements.

Crossroads Mission: To provide homeless at-risk youth the opportunity to restorative life and prevent incarceration.

Based on Christian principles of parenting, the development team started in February 2020 and began serving adolescent boys (ages 14-21) for the past 8 months. Located in a North Topeka neighborhood, the program capacity can house 20 with a staff of 15 providing 24/7 supervision. Boys attend Seaman schools and have jobs.

Upcoming Events:

August 22, Viking Grille: Susan Wallace, National Association for Mental Illness

President Quote:

"All relationships are a reflection of your relationship with yourself."

- Deepak Chopra



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