

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 20 club members attending. Gary Slimmer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Frank Henderson, October 12; Randy Ward, October 13. Donna McGinty, our guest speaker, said she was celebrating her 65<sup>th</sup> birthday but we didn't interrupt her presentation with melodious song!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Payment of Optimist annual dues are expected now.

Football league completed week #6 with single elimination playoffs coming soon with both Saturday and Sunday games. Championship games on October 30 weekend. Fall basketball league registrations are open and games will be played in Seaman gyms this year.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Kansas District Optimist conference, October 15-16, in Mulvane. Dinner celebration of veterans, 6:00 pm, October 15, at the Mulvane American Legion, Post #136.

Optimist Day at the Kansas Speedway, October 24. Discounted tickets for Optimists ordered by October 10, <https://fevo.me/optimistinternational>

Check out the web site for our Event Center at <https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

Sunrise Optimist Holiday Craft Fair, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Saturday, November

6, Sunrise Optimist Event Center  
<http://www.sunriseoptimist.org/CraftFair.htm>

Kyle McNorton reported that school board meetings have been moved to the high school auditorium to allow more attendance and the board increased to 6 minutes public comment per presenter. The board received the 16-page report from the Namesake Advisory committee considering the name change.

[https://www.seamanschools.org/board\\_of\\_education/district\\_namesake\\_process](https://www.seamanschools.org/board_of_education/district_namesake_process)

**Program:** Donna McGinty, candidate USD 345 Board, position 4a  
She is an Iowa native who moved to Topeka in 1990, teacher for more than 25 years, currently 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Eisenhower middle school, Topeka USD 501. Her husband is self-employed electrician. Her two sons are Seaman USD 345 alumni. COVID has created more parent involvement in schools, attend board meetings, curriculum, respect for parental rights to make health care decisions for their children. She does not favor name change in terms of fiscal responsibility, estimated \$1.6 million cost.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**October 19:** Board report, Sunrise Optimist Club

### **President's Quote:**

“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has yet to come. We have only today. Let us begin.”

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta



The Sunrise Optimist Club of North Topeka invites you to the:

*Annual*  
*“Made from the Heart”*  
*Holiday Craft Fair*



**Saturday, November 6, 2021**

**9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Sunrise Optimist Event Center**

**720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Topeka**

(North across NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street from Seaman High School)

**Original Hand-Crafted Vendors:**

Julie Hall  
Whimsical Wreaths  
Custom Birdhouses & More

Cindy Kramer  
DS Grammy Creations  
Rusty Knot Farm

Tori Wools  
TK Creations  
Crafty Sisters  
Dawn Smith  
Crocket by Sharon  
Cletus Lineberger  
Ruth Swain

Foxy Boutique

Gooseberry Lane  
Little Hearts  
Quilts4Me  
Crazy Creative Crafter  
Amber's Country Creations  
The Stained Glass Shoppe  
Ma's Handmade Krafts  
Stitch In Time  
Thomas Farms Creations  
Designs by Dina  
Tangled Creations  
Lou E Doll Boutique  
RemeBees