

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Past President Ernie Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with only 12 club members attending. Ernie stepped in to lead the meeting as President Kyle McNorton is still recovering from hip replacement surgery. Was the smaller crowd due to the fact that we did not have a hot breakfast or due to the colder weather? Gary Slimmer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** The Sunrise choir saved their voices as there are not any members celebrating a birthday this week!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**North Topeka News:** As an update to a previous report from David Jackson about the gas pipeline going up Meriden Road, it was learned that it is connecting to a commercial pipeline for Southern Star rather than to Hills Technology Center.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Dale Langley on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Dale was 94.

Gary Slimmer and Dennis Reedy reported on the memorial service for Rene Poort. Rene was a well respected sports official in northeast Kansas and he and his family officiated the Sunrise Optimist Youth Football leagues. The family has asked for memorial contributions to the Sunrise Optimist Club.

Christmas tree lot experienced a good weekend with lots of sales, both cash and credit card transactions. Volunteer at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fabae2aa3f5c16-optimist> or call Dennis Reedy, 785-640-0834.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM as the Sunrise Optimist Club will be distributing 250 gifts to pre-K through the 6<sup>th</sup> graders from the Toys for Tots.

This Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> is the last game of the Fall basketball League at the Logan Elementary gym. Winter basketball league begins January 15, 2022. Registration will be online and notices distributed by Seaman schools via Peach Jar social media.

Club members are reminded to pay annual membership dues. No club evening meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in December.

Check out the web site for our Event Center at

<https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

**Program:** Lady Vikes head coach Matt Tinsley did not make it to the meeting as he was dealing with his kids at home and getting them ready for school.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>,** Larry Mah, Shawnee County Treasurer on the Tour de Mont Blanc

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

“Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm..”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Closed with the Optimist Creed.

