

# 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 19 club members attending. Gary Slimmer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No birthdays this week.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Christmas tree sales have been busy with 86 trees left on the lot. Volunteer to sell trees at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fabae2aa3f5c16-optimist> or call Dennis Reedy, 785-640-0834. Camper trailer – turn off thermostat & propane each night. We have been visited by photographer for “forest” pictures and video grapher documenting increased cost of trees.

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 17th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm as the Sunrise Optimist Club will be distributing 250 gifts to pre-K through the 6th graders from the Toys for Tots.

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>

**SUNRISE OPTIMIST**  
  
**NORTH TOPEKA**  
 Meetings: Every  
 Tuesday 6:45 AM  
 720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka



**Program:** Larry Mah, Shawnee County Treasurer on the Tour de Mont Blanc trek

He reported on another of three long distance hikes he has completed. The hike was 110 miles over 10 days with 10,000 feet elevation rise. The route traveled through Switzerland, France & Italy. He took a guided tour through snow fields and above tree line in July & August. This hike was very different: bed & breakfast each night, meals along the trail, wine & cheese nightly. His wife completed 90% of the route. A former marathon runner, now 80 yrs old, walked also saying, “I don’t want to rust out but wear out.” This is a famous trek with thousands of people completing it.

He was a member of the downtown Optimist club. Charles Sodergren was one of his teachers.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**December 21st,** Report from the latest meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club Board of Directors

**President’s Quote:** “99% of failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.”

- George W. Carver

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Closed with the Optimist Creed.