

# 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 6:50 AM with 16 club members attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No birthdays this week.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

North Topeka News/Word on the Street: President Kyle had three(3) passes to Gary's Tree Farm Christmas celebration to give away.

Casey's General Store at Highway 24 & North Kansas Avenue has all walls up and the fuel tanks have been buried. Construction is being done by Carney Construction. Bud Carney was a member of the club some time ago. Anticipated opening date is April 7, 2022.

Christmas tree sales have been busy with 20+ trees left on the lot. To volunteer to sell through Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, please call Dennis Reedy, 785-640-0834. Crew needed to tear down the lot beginning at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any excess trees will be taken to the Topeka Zoo.

On Friday, December 17th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm the Sunrise Optimist Club distributed gifts to pre-K through 6th graders from the Toys for Tots program. Thanks to Alan Rose and Charlie Galligher for providing gift wrapping services. Rumor has it that Macy's called wanting this pair to wrap gifts!



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 by December 31<sup>st</sup>! Club evening meetings on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday will resume in January, 2022.

David Jackson will be taking his annual winter break to Hawaii beginning Christmas Day for six(6) weeks. President Kyle has volunteered to prepare breakfast during that six week period.

The Club is looking for volunteer(s) to run the Club's Oratorical and Essay Contests. Please contact Kyle McNorton for more information.

**Program:** Secretary-Treasurer Charlie Galligher provided an update from the last Board of Directors meeting.

**Upcoming Events:**

**December 28<sup>th</sup>:** Jeff Mulpas, Director of Development, Alpha Christian Children's Home

**President's Quote:** "large opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

- Sally Koch

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Closed with the Optimist Creed.

