

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 6:48 AM with 16 club members attending. Gary Slimmer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Celebrating a birthday before we meet again is Charles “Nick” Nicolay, January 2nd. Nick was not present so the Sunrise choir rested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

North Topeka News/Word on the Street: No rumors or news to report, due to the holiday break. Although, Alan Rose did have a gift certificate to the El Dorado Mexican Grille available for the taking that he found that was left over from the Bob Cutter Golf Classic. Alan came across this certificate when a tee box sponsor’s check came in late.

Dennis Reedy reported that a crew tore down the Christmas tree lot on Thursday, December 23rd. About 50 leftover trees were taken to the Topeka Zoo for the animals to enjoy on Sunday, December 26th. A final analysis on how tree sales went will be available soon.

Winter basketball league begins on Saturday, January 15, 2022. There are 170 registered players scheduled to play nine(9) games on Saturdays for six weeks. Sponsors are needed. Please contact Dennis Reedy, 785-640-0834, or dreedy1981@gmail.com.

Last call for members to pay membership dues. Please pay by December 31st or be deleted from the club roster.

The Club’s evening meetings on 4th Monday of each month will resume January 24, 2022.

The Club is looking for volunteer(s) to run the Club’s Oratorical and Essay Contests. This year’s topic for the Oratorical Contest is: “Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times”. While the topic for the Essay Contest is: “How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?”.

Please contact Kyle McNorton for more information.

Program: Jeff Mulpas, Director of Mission Development, Alpha Christian Children’s Home. Alpha Christian Children’s Home will soon be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2022 as it was established in 1972. Jeff sees ACCH as alternative to foster care and has three(3) primary goals: 1) Connect children with Jesus Christ, 2) Raise children in a family atmosphere with Christian parents, 3) Private Christian school on site gets them caught up educationally. Alpha is funded by donations and does not receive government funds. Alpha has a capacity of 12-16 children. Minimum placement is one year, with the average 3 – 5 years.

Upcoming Events:

January 4th: An interesting and informative program is scheduled.

President’s Quote: “Fix your eyes forward on what you can do, not back on what you cannot change.”

- Tom Clancy

Closed with the Optimist Creed.

