

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

NEW YEARS HOLIDAY EDITION

The President and board members of the Sunrise Optimist Club wishes everyone a Happy New Years and a prosperous 2008. We hope that all our members make a resolution to attend at least 50% of the meetings this coming year.

SOCIAL – DINNER – GIFT EXCHANGE

THIS SATURDAY EVENING

MOOSE LODGE – 6:30 P.M.

There is going to be a belated Christmas party at the moose on Saturday evening, Jan 5, 2008 beginning at 6:30. The gift exchange is a white elephant / re-gift type. Please bring something that you no longer want, need, or just plain hate. The uglier the better. Men are to bring a man's gift and the women are to bring a woman's gift. Please just mark you packages as such. If you haven't signed up or been contacted please **RSVP** to Bruce or Linda Lanning at **246-1480 by Thursday, Jan 3rd or Friday, Jan 4 at the very latest.** We are having a buffet so we need to have a head count. The cost will be \$ 14.00 per person.

COMING UP SOON

FEBURARY 9TH at EMPORIA

Our immediate Past President, Frank Henderson will be receiving a **Distinguished Presidents award.** Frank had a very good optimist year and will receive this award in reconciliation of his efforts. This is a very prestigious honor for any club president to receive. We would like for as many members as possible to attend this dinner on Saturday evening to honor and support Frank as he receives this award.

The next meeting of the SOC will be on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. Breakfast will begin serving at 6:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 6:45 a.m. As a rule it is over by 7:30 a.m. We hope to see you there.

SUNRISE OPTIMIST

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Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka

As of January 1, 2008, we begin our second quarter of the Optimist year, since our year begins on the October 1st. Our club secretary has informed me that this has been the worst year so far for collecting dues. We still have quite a few members that are now delinquent with the payment of their yearly dues. Even though he has sent 2nd statements out, these dues remain unpaid at this time. We still have to pay a portion of your dues to Optimist International and also a portion to our Kansas Optimist District. If you do not pay your dues, these fees must come from the club treasury. There will be a board meeting within the next couple of weeks to discuss what action needs to be taken. The choices are to drop / or continue to carry the delinquent member for another quarter. We do not wish to drop any member, but it is a financial burden for us to continue to pay for your membership. If you do not want this action to happen, please send in your dues today.

An Optimist club is a voluntary organization of civic-minded men and women who are banded together in the modern tradition for progressive thought and action in community service, with emphasis on serving the youth. A member fulfills his/her part by attendance at meetings, participation in service projects, serving on club committees or boards, keeping their dues current and by inviting others to join in the club's pursuit of its purposes. The Sunrise Optimist Club is well respected within our community and we need to keep working to keep it that way. A member should not join the club just to use it on their resume.

Our club has many opportunities for a member to participate. The range of these opportunities is rather large, so everyone should be able to find something that they like to do. We do need to think about whom we can invite to be a new member. Our club is in need of members in the middle-age group. Preferably with children in grade or middle school. We are also in need of some new ideas. Please remember that if we need to drop a member, they need to be replaced. Please bring a guest to the next meeting.