

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. Dennis Reedy gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Ernie Douglas, January 20; Robert Uphaus, January 23; Ben Schreiner, January 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kyle McNorton provided hot breakfast this morning at club meeting in the Optimist building.

Youth activities: If COVID-19 restrictions allow, basketball league will have games at Great Life starting after January 29. Teams can practice at Great Life locations (former YMCA and downtown YWCA). Registration web site for baseball and football league will open soon.

Members with keys to Optimist

Building: ASAP call Larry Zirkle, 785-230-2256. To turn on/off security system, you will need 4 digit security code.

Optimist Essay Contest: "Reaching Your Dreams By Choosing Optimism"
We have 3 Seaman and one Holton contestant. Club level judging to be completed by Feb 28.

Program: Pete Foster, Diamond Printing

Pete joined the club in December, 1972, sponsored by Jake Fleenor. He has supported club activities by managing pancake feeds and with reasonable cost for printing/ mailing:



bulletins, sports shirts and fund raiser order forms.

He graduated from Topeka High school in 1957 where he learned printing and then worked for H.M. Ives Printing for 10 years. Starting with setting individual letters/type setting, he has progressed to digital printing. He started his business renting a small building for 2 years and moved to his current location at 2011 S.E. 10th street in 1973. In 1997, his business was vandalized at a loss of \$100,000.

Starting with two presses, he now has 9. A typical press weighs 40 tons and requires 14" concrete floor. Hot metal type printing used 25 lb. bars. He leases printing machines to reduce ownership cost @ \$52,000. A laser print cartridge cost \$600. Paper is heavy. With 3 employees, he is the only union shop remaining from 6 in 1973.

He served 6 years in the Army and worked in a print shop. He's been married 56 years, 2 children and 3 grandkids.

Looking Ahead:

January 25 at Viking Grille, John Haas, HME Inc. (no meeting January 26)
February 2: Don Hughes, Kansas Highway Patrol

President's Quote:

"HOPE: we don't know what tomorrow will be, yet we set our alarm clock to find out."

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