

# 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 PM with 10 attending. Gary Slimmer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Charlie Galligher, February 8. Birthday choir sang with no warm-up (as usual)!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Basketball league will start February 6 with games from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at Great Life Performance Center (downtown gym).

### **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. Old code will be disabled on February 13.

**Optimist Essay Contest: "Reaching Your Dreams By Choosing Optimism"**  
Winner of the 4 contestants will read essay at February 16 club meeting.

**Optimist International Foundation 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** 18 club members donated in 2020-21 to the Dime-A-Day program with pins distributed at club meetings.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Kansas District meeting,** February 19-20, Zook Room at Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS

**Program:** Don Hughes, Kansas Highway Patrol

He distributed two flyers:  
1. The Seasoned Driver (warning signs that it's time to hand over the car keys); 2. Driver

Orientation Screen for Cognitive Impairment (officer questions to determine if intoxicated from alcohol, Rx, illicit drugs or urgent medical disorder). Teen driving summer program (BRAKES) provides driving experience with NASCAR and NHRA Drivers and highway patrol troopers at locations such as the Kansas Motor Speedway.

The Mobile Field Force is deployed to respond to uncontrolled public disturbances as was done this past summer at Topeka Shawnee County Law Enforcement Center.

Over 33 troopers along with Kansas National Guard assisted with U.S. Capitol Building security for the 2021 presidential inauguration. All security personnel had lodging. The parking garage photo misrepresented the situation. A similar force is available to protect the Kansas capitol.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**February 9:** Alan Rose, Rose Muffler & Car Care Center

**February 16:** Lorna Smith, Essay contest winner

**February 22:** 6 pm, Viking Grille, Jenny Morrell, Jayhawk Theater

**President's Quote:** "Today I will do what others want, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't."

- Jerry Rice

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