

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

**Celebrating over 50 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!**

President Ernie Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Steve Schiffelbein gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Charles Sodergren, February 16, David Damme, February 17. No singing this morning.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Pancake Feed:** Help needed to deliver supplies from Activity Bldg to Logan, meet at 11:30 am, Feb 14.

February 15, 7 am - Noon. Volunteer shifts are 6-9:30 and 9:30 – 1 pm. Contact Pete Foster, 246-1500.

Club within Club meeting, 6 pm, Thursday, February 13, Viking Grille.

Optimist scholarships provided by the essay (Feb 29 deadline) and oratorical contests (club event March 17).

March 17 & 19 and 24 & 26, Hunter Safety program, registration at [www.safehunter.com](http://www.safehunter.com).

Optimist club board meeting, Tuesday, 5:15 pm, February 11.

**PROGRAM:** Doug Schmitt, Chief, Soldier Township Fire Department

He's from Lawrence area and started out working as an auto mechanic at a Cadillac dealership. He then was farming and helped a fire township crew control a grass fire. He became a volunteer and eventually was hired

for the township fire dept in 2004.

He then was hired to direct Emergency Management for Jefferson county in 2006. After directing the Riley county fire department since 2012, he was hired as the Chief for Soldier Township in June 2018.

The fire dept for Soldier Township is the second most populous township. 75% of the 1,100 calls in 2019 were medical. Frequently, township crew has longer minutes with the injured than the AMR ambulance staff. Staff roster is 37 with 6 full time working 24 hrs for three consecutive days. Free smoke detectors are available and township staff must install them.

The annual pancake feed, March 28, 6-11 am, will be at Seaman high school. The crowd is too large for the Optimist building.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**February 18:** Damon Reed, Viking Grille owner, Super Bowl attendance

**February 25:** Sunrise Optimist Board of Directors report and recognition of the Seaman High School/Sunrise Optimist "Student of the Month"

### **President's Quote:**

"You can have more money if your wants are fewer."

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**SUNRISE OPTIMIST**

**NORTH TOPEKA**

**PRESENTS A**

# **PANCAKE FEED**

*Featuring*

**All the pancakes you can eat!**

Also serving: Sausage links, juice, coffee and milk.

TO BENEFIT THE

**Winter Basketball Program**

**Price: \$5.00/each**

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

**7:00AM – 12:00 Noon**

**Logan Elementary School**

**1124 NW Lyman Road**

**Support Sunrise Optimist Basketball!**

Games at Logan Elementary School  
every Saturday starting at 8:00 AM.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys & Girls

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys & Girls