

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

BIRTHDAYS: No birthdays this week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Basketball league with 140 players ends games this weekend. Baseball registrations are now open.

Happy Packs for at risk students: club donated \$100 and additional donations collected at club meeting this morning. This was a project organized at the 2nd Quarter Kansas District Optimist meeting, February 19-20, in Ottawa, KS.

Chain saw in the club's storage building is missing. Please return the loaner.

Southwest corner of Kansas & Highway 24: rumored that Casey's convenience store has purchased the vacant lot and has displaced Kaw Valley Greenhouse which will relocate to former bowling alley on Highway 24.

Program: Lorna Smith, Essay contest club winner

Essay contest theme: Reaching Your Dreams by Choosing Optimist.

Lorna is a high school freshman at Holton high school. The title of her essay is "How Full is Your Glass?" She read her 728 word essay and stated that an optimist would say their glass is half full.

Others might think of something as a task but optimists "would look at that as an opportunity." One of her closing statements was "Just like the Optimist club brings out the best in their youth and their communities, I believe my optimism will bring out the best in me."

She is active in 4-H, student council and community service. She enjoys volleyball, basketball and softball. She plans on an engineering career.

Her mother, who works as a USD 501 school principal, and her grandmother both attended the breakfast meeting.

Looking Ahead:

March 9: Oratorical Contest

President's Quote: "There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."

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