

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President Ernie Douglas rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Al Ferrell gave the invocation. Then we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Ray Droge, April 15. The celebration choir took a rest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

April 20-21, 3rd Quarter Kansas District Optimist meeting, club Activity Building, Optimist district oratorical contest, \$2,500 scholarship awarded.

April 20, 6:30 – 8 pm, Tristar Baseball competition will be held at the club's Sports Complex in conjunction with 3rd quarter meeting.

Optimist Concession Stand volunteers needed, 6:30 – 8 pm for Tristar.

2018 Childhood Cancer – Camp Quality events: three weekly camps in June and July request donations of supplies, e.g. batteries for flashlights, Walmart gift cards, high SPF Sun Screen spray for kids; checks payable to OI Foundation, memo line: Ks. CC Campaign Fund; mailed to Deb Doll, 14504 S. Mullen, Olathe, KS 66062.

Program: April 10, 2018

Thomas Underwood, Exec Dir of NOTO Arts District Life long resident of Topeka, grew up in N. Topeka, prior job at Washburn University for 20 years. NOTO office in



former Post Office bldg where his dad worked.

Presented concept drawings for Redbud Park to provide green space. Other improvements are lighting, signage, parking & public restrooms. Friends of NOTO memberships: \$50 person, \$80 couple, \$150 for organization (up to 5 employees).

Looking Ahead:

April 17: 6:45 am, meeting at Pleasant Hill Learning Center, 5830 NW Topeka Blvd, tour the building

April 24: a.) Seaman High School track, Coach Claudia Welch and Scott Peterson & athletes; b.) Optimist Student of the Month.

May 1: Sheriff Herman Jones

May 8: Matt Miller, KSNT Meteorologist, & his dog, program weather radios

May 15: Dr. Randy Watson, Kansas Commissioner of Education; Optimist Student of the Month.

Drawings this week:

Weekly: Linda Lanning

Progressive: #1 Ed Albert

Vice-president vacancy needs volunteer.

President's Quote:

“Men build too many walls and not enough bridges.”

- Joseph Fort Newton

Closed with the OPTIMIST CREED.



Kansas District - Optimist International

3rd Quarter District Conference

April 20 & 21, 2018

Topeka, Kansas



Meeting Place: Sunrise Optimist Activity Center
720 NW 50th Street, Topeka, KS 66617

REGISTRATION FEES:	QUANTITY	COST	TOTAL
Meeting registration fee. Includes lunch at Saturday's District Oratorical		\$15.00	
Contest finals			
Friday Evening Activity 6:30 PM: Batter UP! Pre-season Tri-Star Baseball		Free will Donations	
(Join in the Fun as we test the skills of 3rd - 6th graders in hitting, running the bases & throwing. Concession stand open! This event takes place at the Sunrise Optimist Sports Complex, 720 NW 50th, Topeka (See flyer for details.)			
TOTAL			

Member Name: _____ Club Name: _____

Club Number: _____ Club &/or District Position: _____

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Spouse/Guest Name(s): _____

Any Children Attending? Name(s) & age(s): _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact email address: _____
(Contact phone and/or contact email to be used in case of emergency, such as inclement weather, etc.)

Please note any special dietary/physical needs: _____

Please check if you will be attending your FIRST District Meeting:

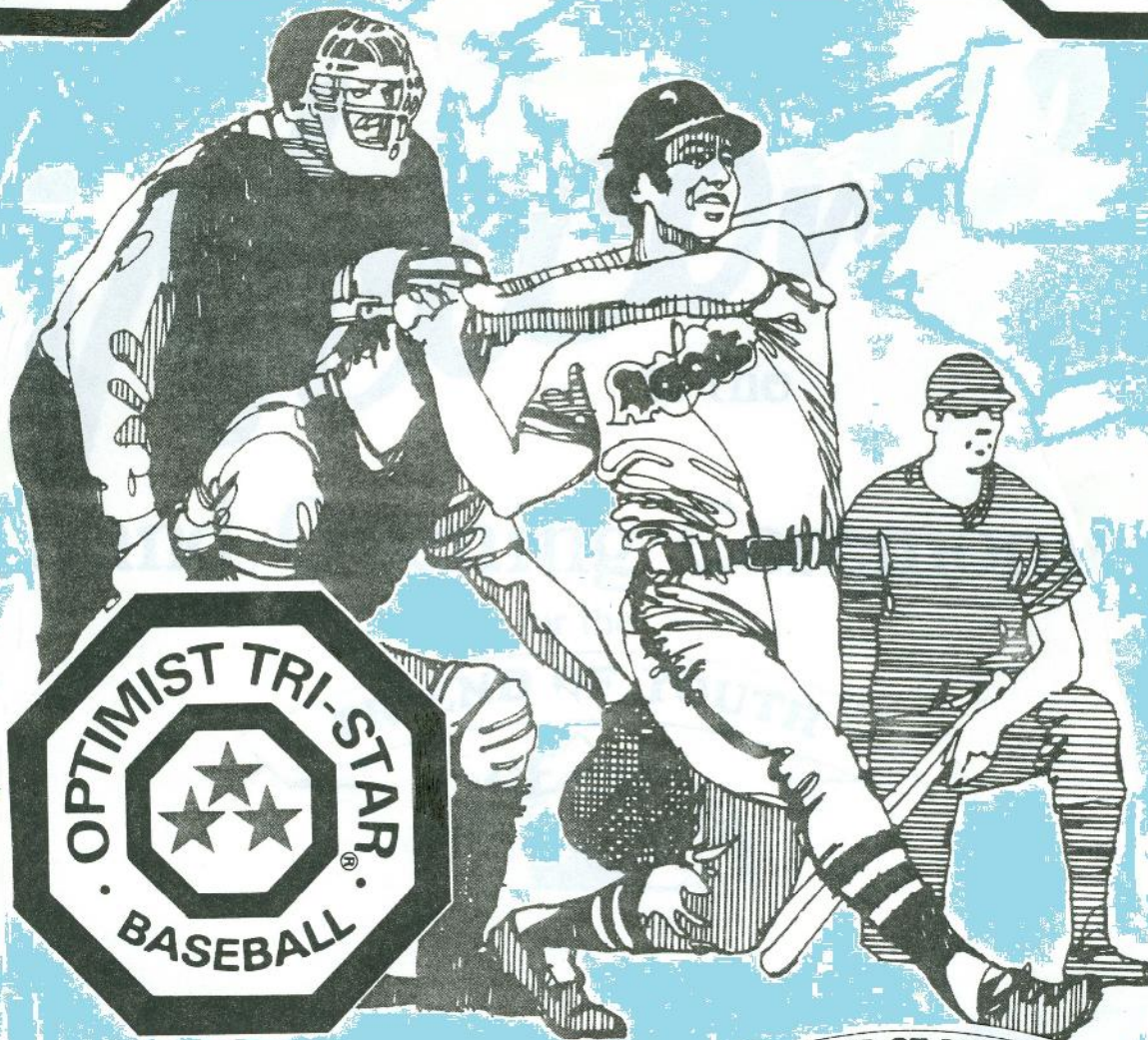
MISSION STATEMENT: Kansas District Optimists help member clubs succeed in service to the youth of their communities. Please let us know how the Kansas District Team can be of service and provide support to your club and members by writing your suggestions on the back of this form or by calling or by email.

Please return Registration forms by **April 13, 2018** to: **Kansas District Optimists**
c/o Rod Obermeier, District S/T
3908 SW 39th Terrace
Topeka, KS 66610

Please arrange for you overnight accommodations directly with:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites
601 NW US Highway 24
Topeka, KS 66608
785-861-7200
Rate: \$93 + taxes

***** IMPORTANT NOTICE! *****
To receive this Special "Kansas District Optimist" Rate, reservations must be made by:
April 13, 2018



Play Ball!

HIT • RUN • THROW

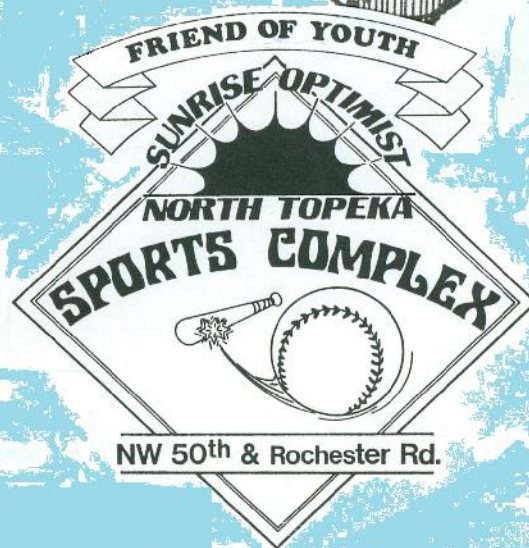
At the 3rd Quarter District Meeting
6:30 PM - April 20, 2018

Sunrise Optimist Sports Complex
720 NW 50th Street, Topeka

Help is needed with running the contest.
Could you help with registration, starting
the events, timing, scoring, retrieve balls,
judging and tabulating results?

**The Sunrise Optimist Concession Stand will
be open with a variety of items: hot dogs,
popcorn, nachos, candy, & soft drinks.**

All for a free will donation!





KANSAS DISTRICT 37

CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN 2018

All Optimist members in the Kansas District have the opportunity to make a difference for some very special kids. Those that have been diagnosed with cancer! Children are referred by hospitals, health professionals, and parents who believe the week of camp offered “FREE” will give their children a chance to “just be kids.” – Camp Quality-Kansas, Camp Quality Greater Kansas City-Excelsior Springs, and Camp Hope of the Heartland-Great Bend!



Malina is four-years-old, and a very brave girl who was attending her first camp and trying out the zip line. Her sister also attended, and this week of camp let them experience a special time with peers while parents got a respite from care.

[Camp Quality Wichita – July 15-20, 2018](#)

[Camp Quality -Greater K.C. Area – July 22-27, 2018](#)

[Camp Hope of the Heartlands – June 17-23, 2018](#)

Here’s how your Club and your Members can help.

- **Donate to Kansas District Childhood Cancer**
 - Bring your check and present at a Quarterly District Meeting
 - Mail your check to: Deb Doll – 14504 S. Mullen – Olathe, Ks. 66062
(Check payable to: Optimist International Foundation – Memo: Ks. CC Campaign Fund)
 - Pack up supplies (consumables) for use this year at the Camps
See lists attached
 - Bring them to the 3rd Quarter Meeting in Topeka
Be sure to complete Donor Form and include cost of items donated
- Visit the Camp(s) – Visitors are welcome, but contact a Director in advance
- Host a special Childhood Cancer fundraiser in your area

If you know of a child in your community whose family needs assistance, gas money, food card to use while visiting a child in the hospital, etc. And you’d like to “match” some funds to help – then the District will also help match up to \$500.00 – Contact the Childhood Cancer Chair, Deb Doll, and she will make a request on your Club’s behalf.

Cancer touches all our lives, we can help make a difference. Don’t forget you can also donate directly to the Optimist International Foundation and those dollars (marked for CC Fund) will be used to advance research.

Thank You – Deb Doll – dkdoll@sbcglobal.net

Camp Quality Kansas

Wish List

Week of Camp:

- Walmart Gift Cards – We can buy what kids need or forget to bring, snacks, food, necessities.
- Lysol Spray
- Clorox Wipes
- Hand Sanitizers (Pump Bottles)
- Bug Spray (Safe for kids)
- Suntan Lotion or spray – High SPF
- 50 Banker Boxes (w/lids)
- Fired Ceramics for kids to paint
- Bottled Craft Paint – Wood & Ceramic
- 50 - 8" round aluminum cake pans (disposable ones)
- Flashlights/batteries
- Hair pretties
- Color Hair Spray
- Anything to make them feel pretty (hair ribbons, bracelets, beaded necklaces etc)
- Tattoos & Stickers
- Gallon Bags - for med storage
- Quart Bags - For med storage
- 5 oz dixie cups – for taking med
- Cases of Water
- Office supplies
- AA Batteries – Walkie-Talkie Radios
- AAA Batteries – Alarm Clocks (we don't allow cell phones)
- D Batteries - Flashlights

We appreciate any and all donations. They help to keep our costs down and the kids love them. If you would like to make a donation or for more information on how you can volunteer, please contact:

Susie Mooney, Director

913-424-8355

susie.mooney@campqualityusa.org

www.campqualityusa.org/ks

With your help we can keep the cost down and bring more children to camp. Thank you for helping us continue to **Let Kids With Cancer Be Kids Again!**



Camp Hope Wish List

Walmart & Sam's Gift Cards

Amazon Gift Cards

Coke Products

Bottled Water

Gatorade

Acrylic paints – 2 oz size in bright and primary colors

Water Balloons

Inflatable kiddie pool

Tattoos/face painting supplies

Command Strips for pictures/wall hangings to be used on walls to hang posters, etc.

Sunscreen- Spray on type - SPF 30

Bug Spray – Spray on - any brand

Epi Pens – need 3 Youth and 3 Adult

Kleenex

Paper Towels

Used digital cameras for photo contests

Small toys or stuffed animals to use for awards and prizes (New items, please)

Attachments for Kitchen Aid mixer (grinder/shredder)

Colored paper for the daily newsletter at Camp (7 to 8 reams of paper)

Donations to offset the printing of our annual yearbook (approximately \$3,000 annually)

Cost of the application software that we use (\$5,000 annually)

Build an additional sleeping cabin at Camp Aldrich (this would be coordinated with the Barton Community College Foundation)

Monetary donations are always needed and appreciated

Any and all donations are appreciated. If you would like more information about Camp Hope, please contact us at camphopeks@gmail.com