

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 with 21 attending. Dennis Reedy gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: No birthdays this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Jackson provides a hot breakfast each week. Come and enjoy food and fellowship!

Baseball and golf registrations are open with May 1 registration deadline.

Optimist Club Board meeting, 5:30 pm, April 13th at the Optimist Event Center.

May 1, (rain out date May 2) Car show fundraiser by student group, Seaman high school. Register on site or on line at <https://usd345.revtrak.net/r3/doh/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

May 24, potluck dinner & social event for club members and guests at the Optimist Events Center.

July 30 Optimist Golf Tournament

Check out the building rental web site which the board approved to increase visibility and rental events.

<https://sunriseeventcenter.com/>

Program: Eric Stafford, Vice-president of Governmental Affairs, Kansas Chamber of Commerce

He has worked for the Kansas Chamber for 10 years and became a lobbyist in 2005 after bartending for a business

event. His wife is also a contract lobbyist. He is a K-State graduate with two children.

Legislative response to COVID brought significant investment in technology (\$2.5 million); testimony can be made remotely; citizens can view events on Ytube. Government will examine whether some exceptions to business practices approved for COVID should be continued for efficiency and cost effectiveness.

Several issues addressed by this session:

1. Changed concealed/carry license from age 21 to age 18.
2. high costs of electricity
3. low interest loans for businesses with high gas bills; gas price is not regulated
4. property tax increases due to reappraisal require governing body vote
5. Nine bills passed regarding property appraisal methods
6. Sports betting unresolved
7. School choice for low income students

Looking Ahead:

April 20: Ben Coates, Jr., KTWU Public Television

April 26, 6 pm, Viking Grille: Senator Kristin O'Shea, Legislative Update & three recipients of Optimist scholarships

President's Quote: "Fight for your opinions but do not believe that they contain the whole truth or the only truth."
- Charles A. Dana

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