

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

BIRTHDAYS: Facebook reports April 20 is Gary Domer's birthday.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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

July 30 Optimist Golf Tournament

Pete Foster delivered a replacement sign for the south exterior wall on the Event Center. Check out the building rental web site which the board approved to increase visibility and rental events.

<https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com/>

Dave Stotts challenged donations to match his \$1,000 for trees & shrubs for the Sports Complex. Dave Jackson will provide 50% discount.

Program: Ben Coates, Jr., KTWU Public Television, sales & underwriting

He gave us a history of KTWU. The idea started in 1962 and FCC licensed in 1965 as the first public TV station in Kansas. It started with a \$229,449

federal grant with 5 employees and broadcast tower on Menninger Hill with two portable trailers salvaged from Washburn campus after the tornado. It now has 28 employees, \$2.4 million budget, serves 39 counties in eastern Kansas, 20 Emmy nominations with 4 won for WU Christmas Vespers programs.

It has a building on WU campus, daily broadcast over 3 TV channels, mobile app & internet access. Paid subscribers with "Passport" app have internet access to many current and past programs.

He started as a sales and underwriting position at KTWU in October 2019. He graduated from Seaman in 1986 & presented about Close Up trip in 1985 to the Optimist club at Gage Bowl North. Prior jobs were public information positions, manager of Mt. Hope cemetery, People's Insurance. He's a member of the Topeka Westerns baseball team which uses 1860 rules and equipment and travels now and then.

Looking Ahead:

April 26, 6 pm, Viking Grille: Senator Kristin O'Shea, Legislative Update & three recipients of Optimist scholarships
May 4: Steve Bushnell, USD 345 Athletic Director

President's Quote: "You can't have a better tomorrow if you're thinking about yesterday."
- Charles Ketterin

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