

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Kyle McNorton called the Monday evening meeting at the Vikings Grille to order at 6:40 PM. The meeting room at the Vikings Grille was almost at capacity with 34 members and guests in attendance. Gary Domer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: No Sunrise Optimists are celebrating a birthday this coming week, but we did sing with belated birthday song for Gary Domer and the visiting Rod Obermeier!

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Kyle McNorton introduced wife Cathy, younger brother Kip, Kansas District Optimist Governor Rod Obermeier and Suzi, and guest speaker Kristin O'Shea and husband Gabe. You can infer who introduced the following based on their last name: Kay Scarlett, Barbara Slimmer and Susan Wallace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dennis Reedy reviewed Sunrise Optimist Sports activities. Baseball registrations are open with pre-school and 6th-8th grade leagues sign-ups at a good pace. Registrations end May 1st. Golf league registration also open with competition at Great Life north or other Great Life courses as needed. Volleyball will be offered this fall and this summer there may be a kickball tournament.

Kansas District Optimist Governor Rod Obermeier was in attendance and thanked the club for having an in-person meeting and for all the things the club does for the North Topeka Community. Rod reminded the club that the next district meeting will be in Olathe, May 14 & 15. The District Oratorical Contest will be

held on Saturday afternoon.

Sunrise Optimist Endowment Association President Jerry Glasgow had other obligations so Secretary-Treasure Charles Galligher stepped forward to announce the 2021 Scholarship recipients. Since their first scholarship award in 1987 the Endowment Association has awarded 145 scholarships amounting to \$58,700.00. The 2021 Scholarship Recipients who were in attendance are as follows:

Patrick Biggs, Kansas State University
Sophia Billbe, Emporia State University
Elise Schreiner, College of the Ozarks,

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: May 24, potluck dinner & social event for club members and guests at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center. Let's see if we can get 100% club member attendance at this event!

The May meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club Board of Directors has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 18th.

Program: Kristin O'Shea, first term State Senator for the 18th District gave brief remarks on the recently completed Legislative session. She characterized the session as "wild", but a learning experience with lots of information. Kristin responded to several questions from the audience.

Looking Ahead:

May 4th: Steve Bushnell, Seaman USD 345 Athletic Director

President's Quote: "All great achievements, have one thing in common, people with the passion to succeed."

- Pat Cash

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