

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Ernie Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Lloyd Becker gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Rick Woodbury, June 30; Kent Hurn, July 4.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

COVID may delay the club's Bob Cutter Golf Classic scheduled for July 31. Registration is open for teams. Donations of door prizes are requested.

Summer Baseball, Softball and T-ball games will end by mid-July. Spectators and coaches will be required to wear masks. Fall football may be delayed to Spring due to COVID.

Dennis Richter presented to the club a \$500 check from State Farm's Good Neighbor Community Fund to be used for the baseball program.

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Optimist Childhood Cancer Golf Tournament, Friday, August 7, 7-7:45 am registration, 8:00 am gunshot start, <https://ksoptimist.org/Golf> 913-669-3388

**PROGRAM:** David Jackson, Jackson's Greenhouse

Jackson's WIBW garden is popular. Programs are filmed 3 weeks in advance. To deter deer from harvesting the plants, there's a 7' high fence on three sides of the 25' x 50' garden. To deter rabbits, there's a 2' fence on the

remaining 50' side. To keep deer out of this fourth side, he used fish string at 6" intervals after having tried other failed measures.

COVID impact has been positive for garden stores with 60% increase in sales at Jackson's. Various animal and insect pests are also thriving.

Several questions were fielded on moles, voles, ground hogs, racoons and deer. Scissor traps or sound spikes (moved often) are recommended rather than poison, propane fires, grub killer etc. Shooting racoons is guaranteed solution.

Japanese beetles are becoming endemic. Bag worms can kill an evergreen in one summer. Bacteria wilt in the soil can destroy a tomato plant overnight and wilt resistant varieties must be used. Wilt also defoliates barberry bushes and no cure. Borers will kill off all ash trees eventually.

### **Looking Ahead:**

July 7: Dennis Peerenboom, Kansas Human Resources Director

### **President's Quote:**

"Real genius is nothing else but the supernatural virtue of humility in the domain of thought."

- Simone Weil

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