

# 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. Steve Schiffelbein gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No club member birthdays this week.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Bob Cutter Golf Classic:** COVID may delay the event scheduled for July 31. Planning meeting at 5:30 pm at Gary Domer's office. Eleven teams have registered. Donations of golf balls, \$125 for sandwich lunch bags and door prizes are requested. Fifty raffle tickets at \$20 each will be sold for a driver valued at \$600. Last year, the golf course donated \$300 from beer sales.

Summer Baseball, Softball and T-ball games are done. There were no rained out games. Heat index almost cancelled games. Registrations were down about 100. Rolf Chappell thanked volunteers who worked the concession stand.

Fall football may be delayed to Spring due to COVID. Dennis will observe safety protocols at the Shrine bowl.

Sunset Optimist club will meet 6 pm, Thursday, July 16, at the Viking Grille.

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



Kansas Optimist District Convention, August 21-23, in Topeka: \$20 registration fee includes all meals due to district savings on minimal travel to international convention.

**PROGRAM:** Dee Dee Reedy, Child Care Director, 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church

The program is licensed for 100. The center shut down March 18 with only 3 kids whose parents were essential workers. There are now 97 children with 27 school age, 17 live in foster care and some receiving state financial support. Total staff are 37 and three staff added to clean/sanitize the facility. Staff turnover regularly occurs.

Fee for infants (2 weeks - 6 months) is \$225/week. Fees decrease with older age groups.

COVID-19 impact on kids is concerning. It can bring families closer together. Cleaning likely will continue after COVID. And more births expected later this year.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**July 21:** Optimist club Board report, July 14 meeting

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

"If you have the guts to keep making mistakes, your wisdom and intelligence leap forward with huge momentum."  
- Holly Near

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