

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Celebrating 50 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

The meeting was called to order by president Judge Frank Yeoman.

Words of wisdom: "Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him- Dwight D. Eisenhower
Will we wait for history to happen to us or will we do our best to shape it to the benefit of human good?"

Richard Sundermeyer led the invocation.
Frank Yeoman led the Flag Salute.
Don Troth, Curtis Henderson, Michael Lesser, and Dick Barta had birthdays this week.
We "sang."

The Kansas District convention was held August 17-19 in Overland Park. Charlie Galligher reported that our club donated \$281 to the cancer camp fund and \$550 to the Optimist Foundation.
The Zone meeting will be held on September 8th in our facility. Sign up for a free meal!

Program- Matt Stuchlick, Sr. District Executive, Jayhawk Area Boy Scouts.
Our next 5th Tuesday gathering will be on October 30th.

On October 9th, we will meet at a location yet to be determined because another event is scheduled in our building. We will also meet at a location to be determined on election day in November.
Karen Ireland won the ticket drawing.
Roger Barnes won the progressive drawing.

Future Programs-
Next week, August 28- Joe Zima, retired USD 501 attorney and movie critic.
September 4- Stephanie Tucker 2nd grade teacher at North Fairview Elementary will share her summer experience working with the penguin exhibit at the zoo.
September 11- Blake Pierce, Seaman High School Head football coach and Assistant coach Lincoln and four captains.

September 18- Kansas Koyotes

NOTOMA (North Topeka on the Move Association) will hold a monthly meeting Monday evening, September 10 at 7 PM at the Garfield Park Community Center. We are all invited! Talk to president Gary Slimmer for details.

Karen Ireland has several "Sunrise Optimist" Tee shirts available. We are considering getting some "Sunrise Optimist" dress shirts. Give your input on this topic to Karen.

Look again- When I drive around in Topeka, I observe many pot holes and street signs that are crooked. Last winter I noticed the negative effects of the snow and ice storm. I shared these observations with my daughter.

She said that she hadn't noticed any pot holes, crooked signs, or negative effects of snow and ice. Instead, she saw magnificent beauty and a "winter wonderland." She showed me the photographs that she had taken. She explained to me that a person sees what they look for.

If you begin with a cynical, pessimistic attitude, you will see pot holes, crooked signs and negative things. On the other hand, if you look for beauty and splendor, you will find it right under your nose. And if you do notice things that need to be corrected, don't just whine and complain about them, be a part of the solution and do whatever needs to be done to correct them.

My wise daughter taught me a valuable lesson. We see in our beautiful capital city what we look for. What we see depends on the only thing over which each of us have total control – our own personal attitude.

Ignore the dark clouds of gloom and doom, and give thanks for the bright new life that the nurturing rains bring and the promise of hope of the rainbow. Choose to be positive. Look for flowers and beauty and you will find it. Chuck Sodergren

Closed with the creed.



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