

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President Ernie Douglas rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:44 AM. Lloyd Becker gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Don Ford 10/9, Frank Henderson 10/12, Randy Ward 10/13. None of them were present so the choir rested!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **Volunteer Opportunities!**

Seaman Community Wellness Night at Seaman High School Track, Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

Promote the Sunrise Optimist Club and its Activities!

Another chance to promote the Sunrise Optimist Club at Friday night's football game, Seaman vs Junction City, it is Senior night.

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, NOTO Fall Parade. Begins at Garfield Park and goes south on Kansas Avenue to the NOTO Arts District. Another opportunity to promote the Sunrise Optimist Club, its activities and to pass out flyers and candy.

Sunrise Optimist tackle football program enters its last weekend of regular play this Saturday. Playoffs begin Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> with the Championships set for October 27<sup>th</sup> at Seaman Stadium. Banners on fences at both football fields located at Seaman Middle School and Logan advertise all three Optimist athletic programs: football, basketball and baseball.



### **PROGRAM:**

**Oct 9:** Nate Hill, Edward Jones. After spending 18 years at KSNT Nate moved on to Edward Jones as a Financial Advisor. There are a lot of family connections for Nate that led him to Edward Jones. There are 23 advisors in the Topeka area, with Edward Jones headquartered in St. Louis. Edward Jones is not your typical financial advisor as they actually go out and knock on doors. He has kept his "North Topeka" connections with his first office on Highway 24, behind Dickey's and has since moved further east on Highway 24 to the office at the east end of Silver Lake Bank. Nate is originally from Overland Park, his wife is from Lawrence. They both went to KU, have two(2) children and live in southwest Topeka.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**Oct 16:** Lana Gordon, Ks Dept of Labor

**Oct 23:** Richard Carlson, Secretary of Ks Dept of Transportation

### **Drawings this week:**

Weekly: Alan Rose

Progressive: #3 - Roger Barnes

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

"Smile and let everyone you know that today, you're a lot stronger than you were yesterday." - Drake

Closed with the OPTIMIST CREED.

Please review the attached information about the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter "Gathering" in Salina, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Kansas District - Optimist International**  
**1st Quarter District Conference**  
**Oct. 19th - 20th, 2018**  
**Salina, Kansas**



**Meeting Place:** Immanuel Lutheran Church  
 255 S 7TH St  
 Salina KS 67401

REGISTRATION FEES:	QUANTITY	COST	TOTAL
Lunch Sat. Oct 20		\$15.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$15.00	

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Club &/or District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Club &/or District Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Any Children Attending? Name(s) & age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any special dietary/physical needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you will be attending your FIRST District Meeting:

Please return Registration forms to:

**Kansas District Optimist**  
**3908 SW 39th Terr**  
**Topeka, KS 66610**

**Please return Registration forms by: Oct. 15th, 2018**

Please arrange for your overnight accommodations directly with:

**Quality Inn and Suites**  
**2110 W. Crawford St.**  
**Salina KS, 67401**  
**785-825-6789**  
**Rate: \$70 + taxes**

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE! \*\*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE! \*\*\***

To receive this Special Optimist Rate mention Kansas District Optimist, reservations must be made by:

**10/12/2018**

# Kansas District Optimist

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Engagement - Oct 19-20- Salina, KS

“Keeping The Promise”



## Agenda:

### Friday:

6:30 pm Childhood Cancer benefit

7:30 pm Executive Committee meeting

### Saturday:

8:30 am Registration Begins

9:00 am Optimist Engagement

- Welcome and Presentation of Colors and Flag
- City Welcome
- Governor's Remarks
- Introduction of Gerri Barnett (OI Vice President) and Remarks
- The Mentor Leader (Ruth Nelson and Kris Kirkes)
- Comfort Break

- Committee Rollout and Discussion
  - OIF discussion
  - Childhood Cancer discussion
  - International Convention discussion
  - Junior Golf discussion
  - Membership discussion
  - Essay discussion
  - Oratorical discussion
  - CCDHH discussion
  - Club Building discussion
  - Incentives

Lunch

Optimist Engagement Continued

- Training (Gerri Barnett and Kris Kirkes)
- Leadership Takeaway (Kris Kirkes)
- Financials / Minutes / Budget
- Close with Optimist Creed



**Optimist**  
INTERNATIONAL  
Kansas District

2018-19 – 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER “ENGAGEMENT”

SALINA, KANSAS

OCTOBER 19-20

Immanuel Lutheran Church

255 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Salina, Ks. 67401



International Vice President

Middle America Region 2018-19

Gerri Barnett

Ft. Madison Area Optimist Club

University of IA Hawkeye Optimist Chapter

Husband – Scott

Children – Shaun and Audrey and Granddaughter Sophia

Elyssa Gansner and Kai

Gerri attended UCLA and Cal State Dominguez Hills, CA.

An Associate in Nursing Northwester MI College, Traverse City, MI & Bachelor’s in Nursing University of Iowa. She works for the Physicians & Surgeons Clinic at Fort Madison Community Hospital as their Clinic Quality Coordinator.

Gerri has been president of her club several times and has served and chaired many other club activities. She was a Governor in 2011-12, and has served as a Secretary/Treasurer, Lt. Governor and Chaired many committees for her district as well. At the International level, she’s been a committee member for Membership, Joi, and Ad-Hoc College Committee Chair in 2016-17.

Kris Kirkes , Governor Ks. District 37

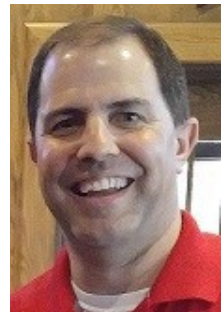
2018-19

Past president and Treasurer of Olathe Noon Optimist Club

Branch Manager, Simmons Bank

Wife: Penny , Store Manager Dillard’s St. Joseph Mo.

Kris and Penny like to travel often, and Kris often shares his travel pictures with us so that we feel like we are becoming citizens of the world through



his adventures. He speaks Spanish fluently and employs a lot of young Hispanic employees who often share their backgrounds with the Noon Members. Kris is very outgoing, and always, always has a smile on his face. He is very engaging, so it’s appropriate to have named this 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter an “Engagement!” He will want us all to be engaged in sharing information with one another and to be enthused about our 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial year to continue to Bring Out the Best in Kids. So please get your reservation for a Friday evening fun event, and a Saturday with lots of “take-aways” as we learn and share information with one another

**CALLING** all Kansas Optimists

FRIDAY NIGHT – SALINA – OCTOBER 19, 2018

LET'S **ENGAGE** IN A FUN EVENING



Dinner at 6:30 - Friday, October 19, 2018

## **RIB CRIB**

3025 S. 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET – SALINA

\*(RSVP BY 15<sup>TH</sup> TO [rnelson1021@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rnelson1021@sbcglobal.net) )

Then

Back to Hotel for Cards/Games

**(bring a game to share)**

In “Breakfast Area at the Quality Inn

Just a time to relax, share stories, laughs – no pressure – no cost

*then*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER -TWENTY

Be on the look out for a special

**“Chinese Auction”** Opportunity

Benefiting

**CHILDHOOD CANCER INITIATIVE**