

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Dennis Reedy gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Mike Bates, October 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 3 breakfast meeting: IHOP
November 23, 6 pm, Viking Grille:
evening club meeting

Dave Jackson provided a hot breakfast this morning and will do it again next week.

Club football league will end after playoff and championship games on October 31.

Club basketball league will be at the former YWCA gym, now owned by Great Life. Registration numbers are very low to date. Seaman USD 345 and other school districts are not allowing use of their buildings for students not attending that school.

Kansas District Optimist Quarterly meeting, Oct 9-11, Salina
Charlie Galligher took 3rd place in the corn hole competition. Nonperishable food donations by attendees were used to build a castle and bridge. Donations to the 50th anniversary of Dime-A-Day is really \$.13/day or \$50 per year.
A = Accomplishments of local clubs

Program: Kenny Kessler, retired U.S. Wildlife Enforcement

After 31 years as a uniformed special agent, he retired in December 2019. There are 200 agents in continental USA. He was one of 4 agents assigned to Kansas. He now works repairing window screens as a subcontractor.

One of his first assignments after college in Memphis, TN was 10 months in New York City. In Kansas, it's illegal to sell wildlife, e.g. box turtles gathered in Kansas, sold to a third party who shipped them to China where a pair costs \$15,000. Federal law prohibits sale also. A poaching ring in Florida, shipped flying squirrels to Taiwan, approximately 3,500 squirrels worth \$1 million.

He has coached baseball teams in the Optimist league for many years. He and his two college age boys umpired Optimist games this summer.

Looking Ahead:

October 27: Sunrise Optimist Board report

November 3: (IHOP location) Ameer Copp-Hasty, Valeo Director of Development on suicide prevention

President's Quote: "Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Leave the rest to God."
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