

# 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 at the IHOP on NW US Highway 24, since our building is being used as a polling place. Dennis Reedy gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Celebrating a birthday on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is Dave Jackson. The Sunrise chorus was in fine tune as we sang to Dave!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 pm, Viking Grille: evening club meeting. There will be no club meeting on Tuesday morning, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Club football league ended this past weekend with championship games on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. There were some exciting moments in the championship game between Royal Valley and the Stars.

Club basketball league will be at the former YMCA gym, now owned by Great Life. Practices will be at the former YWCA gym. Registration numbers (116) are sufficient for the fall league. Dennis Reedy reported that there are no need for additional sponsors. Seaman USD 345 and other school districts are not allowing use of their buildings for students not attending that school. COVID-19 safety protocols will be used.

President Kyle made an appeal for the creation of committees to plan social events and explore new fund-raising ideas.

**Program:** Cathy Ramirez, Ghost Tours of Kansas stepped in at the last minute as the scheduled speaker from Valeo cancelled due to no in-person meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cathy is the owner of Ghost Tours of Kansas. She grew up in North Topeka and attended Rochester Grade School, stomping grounds of the infamous albino lady ghost. Cathy has always had a fascination with her and spooky things in general so as an adult someone approached her about putting together a ghost tour and has continued for 16 years.

Cathy reviewed some of here experiences on the various tours she has conducted, including Serendipity in North Topeka along with several buildings next to it, Constitution Hall, 733 South Kansas Avenue, Moose Lodge, Curtis Family Cemetery and Overland Station. Gary Slimmer inquired about the club taking a ghost tour at some point in the future.

**Looking Ahead:**

**November 10:** Hoyt Moore owner of Hoyt's Truck Repair and Hoyt's Trailer Sales, reviewing how what started as a one person shop has grown into a prosperous business.

**President's Quote:**

"Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others."

- Winston Churchill

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Meetings: Every  
Tuesday 6:45 AM  
720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka