

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 6:45 AM. Steve Schiffelbein gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Lill, Nov 17. The choir rested its voices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Junior Viking Football Banquet at the Optimist building, November 10, to recognize players and person who best exemplifies Optimist creed. Five teams and 105 players participated in the 2019 Fall league.

Next Meeting of the Sunrise/Sunset Optimist "Club within a Club" is Thursday, November 14, 6 pm, at the Viking Grille.

Set-up of Optimist Christmas tree lot is this weekend.

Club Pancake Feed to support the basketball league is December 7.

PROGRAM: Brent Trout, Topeka City Manager

Prior to starting as Topeka's city manager on October 2017, he was city manager for Mason City, Iowa (population 28,000). He started his career in city management at Bancroft, IA (population 900) in 1991 and then two other Iowa cities with larger populations. He retired from the Iowa National Guard as a lieutenant

colonel with 29 years service. His military service provided leadership training along with his city management experience.

His move to Topeka provided closer proximity to family members living near Kansas City.

Topeka's City Manager is hired by the Mayor and City Council members. The city employs 1,196 employees. He supervises 12 departments. The city's half cent sales tax is primary source for \$25 million spent each year on roads. The city is addressing blighted properties. He has implemented rapid process movement to increase efficiency. Momentum 2022 economic development strategy aims to improve the city and attract business.

Looking Ahead:

November 19: Optimist Board report

November 26: Dick Barta & Gary Slimmer, Honor Flight to Washington, DC

December 3: Craig Cox (boys) & Matt Tinsely (girls), Seaman basketball coaches

Drawings this week:

Weekly: Alan Rose

Progressive: #63 Eric Showalter

President's Quote:

"Not all storms come to disrupt your life. Some come to clear your path."

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BUILD:**

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**HELP
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**NOV. 14TH
6PM
VIKING GRILLE**

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