



INTRODUCTION

The Davenport Noon Optimist Club met at the River Center at 12 p.m. Joe Obleton introduced a guest. President Paul Neuharth discussed some upcoming dates. Our quarterly meeting is February 11-12 in Cedar Rapids. POOP/TOOT party is at the Foundry on February 17 5p.m. JA Bowling at TBK will be February 26, 2022 at TBK from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. NOW (New Optimists Welcome) is March 10 5:30 - 6:30 BRING A GUEST. Please note we will be off site February 18 and 24 so watch our newsletters and emails.



SPEAKER

Today's speaker was Alison McGaughey, Early Literacy Cordinator from the Davenport Library. She discussed their 1000 books by Kindergarten program. It is a national nonprofit that encourages infants, babies and toddlers to begin reading early because it affects their success rate upon entering the school age. They can sign up online or in person. The goal is to enroll as many eligible children as possible in the next 3 years in Davenport. If not from Davenport they can still participate. There are incentives along the way as children reach their goals. Library books, books at home, audio books etc. all are encouraged.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 28** - Alli Haskill, President, Closet2Closet
- **February 3** - National Optimist Day
- **February 2-4** - Big Brothers Big Sisters Putt Around
- **February 11-12** - Optimist Convention, Cedar Rapids
- **February 17** - POOP/TOOT party - Foundry 5:30 p.m.

