

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Celebrating over 60 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

The Tuesday evening meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Vikings Grille. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM with 17 club members and 7 guests attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Larry Carr, March 2, Fred Patton, March 3. Neither Optimist member was there but the choir sang for Cathy McNorton who Kyle said celebrated a birthday last week!

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:
Guests for this evening's meeting were: Cathy McNorton, Daytha McNorton, Claudia Long, Barbara Slimmer, Kay Scarlett, Anette Jackson Shelia Grant Puglisi-Lill and Susan Wallace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
David & Annette Jackson were back in attendance after a vacation in Hawaii and a cruise through the Panama Canal. Dave reports that Tim Hersh will become the new owner of Cruise Holidays of Topeka on March 1st and that Dave & Annette will be "garden ambassadors" on select cruises.

Larry Zirkle reports that there are new owners of the Big O Tires franchise in Topeka. Dutch Tryon was the previous owner.

President Kyle indicated that a topic of discussion, at the last meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club Board of Directors, specifically, the Seaman softball program plans to

upgrade S-3 with lights and turf, will continue at the next meeting rescheduled for March 21st. The Board meeting had been scheduled for March 14th but that is in the middle of Spring Break and some stockholders may not be able to attend. Come to the board meeting for discussion.

Spring & Summer golf, volleyball, and baseball registrations are open at www.sunriseoptimist.org. 38 players have already registered for volleyball with play scheduled to begin on April 1st. Looking at grants from USA football, also there will be a partnership with the Topeka Tropics indoor football team. Easter Egg Hunt held in conjunction with KVC is Saturday April 8th at the Sunrise Optimist Sports Complex.

Secretary/Treasurer: We need a member to take over Charlie Galligher's position as club secretary-treasurer.

Program: Dennis Reedy introduced his sister Chelsea Cox, Community Resource Specialist with KVC Kansas. KVC Kansas is a nonprofit organization that strengthens families and prevents child abuse and neglect. In-home family support, foster care, adoption and more.

Upcoming Events:

March 7: Optimist Oratorical Contest
March 14: Herman Jones, KHP Supt.

President Quote:

"It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you often get it."

- W. Somerset
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