

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

The Sunrise Optimist Club was back at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center for it regular morning meeting. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:47 AM with 21 club members and guests attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: No Sunrise Optimist member is celebrating a birthday this week so the Sunrise chorus rested its vocal cords this week!

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Diane Appelhanz was in attendance to support her granddaughter in the Optimist Oratorical Contest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Jackson reports that Harold's Tire has gained approval from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to build a warehouse behind their store on Rochester Road. They are now waiting on the City of Topeka's approval of a landscape plan based on points.

Kit Kelley was on hand to report on the 2nd Quarter District meeting held in conjunction with West Missouri district last weekend. Kit reported on not only the Junior Golf program, but was also impressed with the generosity of the participants toward the Optimist International Foundation.

Kit also brought back Dime-A-Day pins for distribution.

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.

Spring & Summer golf, volleyball, and baseball registrations are open at playsunrise.org. With the nicer weather lately, players are signing up for baseball/softball/tee ball. 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: Tim McCoy introduced the Club's entrant in the Optimist Oratorical Contest, Kate Eckert. Kate is a Junior at Seaman High School. She is on the tennis team, captain of the speech and debate team and gave her interpretation of the topic: "Discovering the Optimism within Me".

Upcoming Events:

March 14: Herman Jones, KHP Supt. March 21: Student of the Month from Seaman Middle School and Seaman High School



President Quote:

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."

- Jimmy Johnson