

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

The Tuesday morning meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center. President Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:49 AM with 22 club members attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Gary Slimmer, March 15; Alan Rose, March 16; Mark Fink, March 17; Calvin Henry, March 20. Gary & Alan were present to enjoy the birthday choir.

Alan invited members to attend his birthday party at GreatLIFE-Lake Perry on Saturday, March 18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave Jackson announced generous donations to breakfast with \$72 last week & \$73 this week. He reported that plans are underway for a Laird Noller RV Repair Facility near NW 17th & NW Menoken Road.

Soldier Township is clearing land at the site of its new centrally located fire station.

Optimist Board meeting: 5:45 pm, March 21. Primary topic is improvements of varsity softball diamond, S-3: lights, artificial turf, etc. Kyle has invited athletic booster club, USD 345 staff, coaches and club members.

Club officer election is in April. All positions are open – President, Vice-President and Board members.



Jr. Golf is scheduled to start this weekend but may be delayed due to weather. Volleyball and baseball registrations are open. Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 8 at the Sports Complex. Wrapped candy donations are requested.

The stars aligned for Mike Bates, Lloyd Becker and Steve Schffelbein who wore similar plaid long sleeve shirts as trend setters.

Program: Herman Jones, KHP Supt.

He is retiring on June 9 after 45 years in law enforcement. His best job was serving as the elected sheriff of Shawnee county which required the vote of many citizens. Dick Barta was influential throughout his career. He started as an ESU dispatcher for campus security in 1977, then Emporia police officer, Highway patrol in Wichita for 10 yrs, HP academy for 8 yrs, undersheriff & sheriff for Shawnee county. Law enforcement has difficult recruiting quality officers who meet high standards of performance. Cameras are everywhere recording officer performance contributing to a tarnished reputation. He has been successful replacing old equipment & scheduling 3 academy sessions each year rather than one.

Upcoming Events:

March 21: Students of the Month

March 28: 6:30 pm at Viking Grille

President's Quote:

"You may have to fight a battle more than once to win it."

- Margaret Thatcher