

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 Optimist Event Center. Past-president Ernie Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 22 club members attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: No birthdays!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

North Topeka News: David Jackson reported the Meier's property for sale on Lower Silver Lake Road has 3 wells which increases the value. The bridges on US 24, west of Meriden Road, over the Soldier Creek, need replacement of railings and buried cables on both sides of US 24 will come together and be buried under the creek. Raising the dikes 1.5' on Soldier Creek, west of Menoken Road, are delayed after finding Indian artifacts. Project is \$390,000 with half paid by North Topeka Drainage district.

Baseball games last night were rained out. 68% of the players are Seaman students. Fundraiser deadline is past with more sales on-line. The concession stand needs volunteers: June 9, 16, 22 & last week of June. Show up at 5:30 pm weeknights. Great opportunity for volunteer hours for youth. Hot dogs and Skittles are hot items!

July 28, 37th Optimist Club Golf Tourney. Planning meeting at 5:30 pm June 6 at Parker Price funeral home. Volunteers are needed set-up & tear down.

Program: Larry Mah, Shawnee County Treasurer – Galapagos Islands

His trip to Antarctica was cancelled due to 65' wave which damaged the ship and made national news. The Galapagos Islands are 600 miles east of Ecuador. Although the islands are on the equator and provide 12 hours of daylight every day, and steady temperatures, the ocean water is very cold due to currents. The 127 islands vary in size, there's no fresh water, no trees and active volcanoes. Only 3,300 people live there. In the 1800s, pirates used the islands as a base and nearly killed all the tortoises for food. The pirates also brought rats. In the 1900s, elimination of the rats was a major effort because the animals have no fear. There's no natural predator. On the 7 or 8 main islands, 97% of the land is a national park. To visit the islands, a guide is required for a group no larger than 8 to 10 people, who must use the paths for a 2 hour tour.

Upcoming Events:

June 13: Bill Persinger, Ex. Dir of Valeo Mental Health Center

President Quote:

“If you do not ask the right questions, you do not get the right answers. A question asked in the right way points to its own answer.”

- Joe Abercrombie

