

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 Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 25 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: The Birthday list was lost or misplaced and nobody volunteered that they were having a birthday, so the choir rested. Roberta Andrews did offer that her and Jim are celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary! We did not have a song to celebrate but did offer our congratulations!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dave Jackson had some North Topeka News: The earth work being done between Envista Credit Union and Club Car Wash is a Valvoline Oil changing facility; the Meier's Vegetable Market, located on Lower Silver Lake Road and the UP tracks will now be an auto restoration facility; the Meier's property, south of Highway 24 and Goodyear Road was looked at by Goodyear for storage of earth moving tires; the Harold's Tire building addition is complete and now offers alignments.

President Tim asked if the Club was interested in participating in the All Service Club Blood Drive at West Drive Mall, June 28th. He also announced that the Club's Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, April 9th. With the success of the Bean Feed social event, he asked club members to think about another event this spring or summer.

Activities: Volleyball league will start the weekend of

April 13th. The delay in starting was due the lack of coaches. Easter Egg hunt was held this past Saturday, March 30th with about 200 kids participating. Week three of Jr. Golf is complete at Great Life North, with registration open online for summer Jr. Golf. Summer Jr. Golf will be limited to 10 participants due to upgrades at the course. With the summer sports program rapidly approaching, Rolf Chappell announced that he needs volunteers and that this will be his last year of running the concession stand.

Program: Mike Monaghan, Seaman Tennis Coach, Lots of activity around the tennis complex as the program grows. 30 players coming out this year, with 11 seniors. The complex has 6 courts with possible addition of 2 -4 more courts in the future. Mike introduced Brecken Andrews, a freshman player on the team and for his Eagle Scout project made the entrance to the tennis complex. The project included adapting the ends of propane tanks to simulate the tennis balls, which included much welding and auto body filler to get the spherical shape of the balls. There was landscaping also involved in the project which took around 200 hours and five months to complete. Brecken introduced his parents and grandparents.

Upcoming Events:

April 9: Jay Monhollon, Seaman Softball Coach, April 16: Students of the Month

President's Quote:

"Optimism is a powerful and pragmatic strategy for accomplishing goals & living a fulfilling life."

- Bert Jacobs, cofounder of "Life is Good" company



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Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka