

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 Event Center. President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM with 20 club members present. Gordon Myers drove from Atchison to attend. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

<u>BIRTHDAYS</u>: There are no birthdays to celebrate this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sports news: Volleyball league with 18 teams starts next weekend. Recruiting coaches for volleyball was difficult. Spring golf ends soon and Summer golf will be offered also. Baseball registrations are open.

Jerry Glasgow is hospitalized for minor condition. Pete and Kay Foster have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

38th Bob Cutter/Alan Rose Golf Classic, will be July 26: sponsors needed for tee box ads and golf carts.

Third Quarter Kansas Optimist District meeting & District Oratorical Contest, April 19-20, Junction City; meeting at Zion United Church of Christ, 1811 McFarland Road.

<u>Program</u>: Jay Monhollon, Seaman Softball Coach

Coach Monhollon has been involved in teaching and coaching for 35 years and will retire this year. He's known for emphasizing

"fundamentals" for many years. He notes that each softball player is a person that is equally important as her performance. The team is known as explosive for coming from behind.

There are 32 softball players and 4 coaches. Five seniors were at breakfast and most will be playing softball at college. As a team, it is ranked nationally for academics.

Playing under the lighted home diamond is wonderful. Some lighting is pointed up to assist with identifying fly balls more easily for fielders. Playing out a tied game when it's dark can now happen.

Softball bats are costly with a low end bat costing \$300. One player broke her bat during the first game of the season.

Upcoming Events:

April 16: Students of the Month

April 23, Evening Meeting at the Viking Grille: Sunrise Optimist Endowment Association Scholarships

<u>April 30</u>: Kyle Seevers, Seaman Girls' Soccer Coach

President's Quote: "Be Optimistic.

People want to be around others who view life as a positive venture."

- Ace McCloud (character from the Centurians)

