

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 20 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Gary Scarlett, May 16. The birthday choir may need a rehearsal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sports news: Eight baseball teams sponsors are needed. Games start May 28. Summer session for golf is accepting registrations. Football teams from Perry-Lecompton and Washburn Rural may participate this Fall.

Concession stand volunteers will be needed 5:30-8:30 pm, Monday through Thursday. No concessions on Friday for rescheduled games due to rain.

Kansas Optimist district Golf Tournament is June 7 in Emporia. The district will sponsor 4 youth golfers to international tournament at \$1,000 each. Donations from clubs help with costs of district and international tournaments.

North Topeka News: Dave Jackson reported that the East Highway 24 project has the frontage roads on both sides of U.S. Highway 24 open and are carrying the Highway 24 traffic. There is limited access to Meriden Road and North Kansas Avenue though. Work is progressing on the former

Community Bank building at 801 NW 25th Street. Indications are that it will be an Asian restaurant.

All Topeka area service clubs are sponsoring a Blood Drive, June 28, 1:00-6:00 pm, at Westridge Mall.

Program: Rick Brading, Seaman Track Coach

With its new sports track, Seaman will host the regional track meet with 9 teams (boys & girls) on Friday, May 17, starting at 3:30 pm. The league will have returning state champions.

Rick Brading has been coaching cross country and track for 40 years. He coaches the girls which has 50 total participants. Although Seaman has several stars, track is a team competition. Often peer influence helps recruit a participant's friend who turns out to be a great performer, e.g. javelin or discus thrower, hurdler, pole vault and relay runner. A major improvement is the use of electronic timers rather than hand held stop watch.

Upcoming Events:

May 21: Sgt. Jordan Cherry, U.S. Marines

May 28, Viking Grille: Chad Lady, Soldier Township Fire Chief

President's Quote: "As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way."

- Mary Anne Radmacher (artist, author, speaker)

