

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 Pekar gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Keith Sowards, May 21; Larry Zirkle, May 23. The birthday choir was ready for Larry!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sports news: Games start May 28 and photography is also that week. Seaman has appointed different staff person to assist with maintenance of baseball diamonds. Registrations for summer session for golf is nearly full. Web site has registrations for volleyball and football teams.

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

38th Bob Cutter & Alan Rose Sunrise Optimist Club Golf Tournament, July 26: Volunteers, teams and sponsors will be needed.

North Topeka News: Dave Jackson reported that the 89 acres next to his home has been sold.

Program:

Five club members gave a brief description of their military service.

Tim McCoy served in the Army and worked as an intelligence analyst to analyze data in real time during a 12 hr shift. He served in Iraq and other places.

Don Pekar served in the Navy Reserve and worked as an anesthetist in a medical unit during Desert Storm. The hospital had 500 beds and staffed over 1,000. Medical tents had air conditioning which was great to escape the desert heat.

Lloyd Becker enlisted in the Air Force after high school. He earned top security clearance to work on navigation systems and as a mechanic on F-4 aircraft. He liked German beer and returned to become a brewmaster.

Ernie Douglas served in Germany and repaired vehicles. His crew returned the repaired vehicle to its unit. One dark evening, his unit crossed over with a repaired vehicle into Russian controlled territory.

Gary Slimmer enlisted in the Air Force after high school and learned navigation radar maintenance on B-52s.

Upcoming Events:

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

President's Quote: "You have to look to the future with optimism instead of negative ideas. Take the good and the bad and face it head on."
- Goldie Hawn

