

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Celebrating over 60 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

The Tuesday evening meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club was at the Viking Grille. President Tim McCoy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with 23 club members and guests present. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Dan Carlson, June 1. He wasn't there so no singing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Club social is scheduled for the evening of July 20.

38th Bob Cutter/Alan Rose Golf Classic is July 26 at Great Life-Lake Perry. First registration deadline is June 30. Sixteen teams registered and some t-box sponsors received.

Childhood Cancer golf tournament, August 5, in Olathe is sponsored by Kansas District Optimists. Our club traditionally pays for "hole-in-one" insurance. Cost is \$135/player.

North Topeka News: Dave Jackson reported that a new appliance (slightly damaged) store moved into 3 buildings north of Rose Muffler. This business location was originally a used car lot. When Dave and Jack DeBacker were on school board, USD 345 was looking to build an administration building.

Both proposed remodeling the original Seaman high school building rather than new building.

Program: Chad Lady, Soldier Township Fire Chief.

The original fire station in 1937 was a Quonset hut garage in the alley south of the original Seaman High School. A siren was the initial fire call. In addition to the 8 volunteer fire fighters, the fire truck would stop at the high school and the principal decided which students were allowed to assist. Now, phone calls, pagers and cell phone apps are used.

This township is the largest township in Kansas, 63 square miles with 15,000 residents. Seven full time staff are assisted by 30 volunteers. Four area townships support Soldier with fire calls. A new fire station to replace or remodel the current station built in 1976 will provide space for larger fire trucks and additional staff to cover the platted 1,000 new houses. Staff could be added to the station located at 82nd & Topeka.

Chad is a Seaman alumnus and has worked at the township for 18 years.

Upcoming Events:

June 4: Mark McClure, Project Environmental Engineer, Terracon Consultants

President's Quote: "Never regret a day in your life. Good days give happiness, bad days give experience, worst days give lessons and best days give memories." - Unknown

