

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

BIRTHDAYS: Birthdays this week are Darrel Dade, March 26; Thurman Hiller & Dale Long, March 28; Pete Foster & Roberta Galligher, March 30. The birthday choir sang its best for Dale Long & Roberta Galligher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Club sponsored youth sports: Eleven young golfers have finished week 2 of 5 weeks; 131 volleyball players/15 teams will have games in one or 2 gyms depending on availability of three Seaman gyms. Volunteer need for baseball Concession Stand Coordinator.

The Easter egg hunt will be April 19 at 3:17 pm with a bounce house and food trucks.

North Topeka News: David Jackson reported that Seaman received a \$100,000 building permit to replace softball dugouts. A WIFI system will remotely operate ballfield lights and locked gates. Security cameras will be installed also. Panda Express will build soon.

Kitchen remodeling for the Event Center will start Tuesday morning, April 1, after the breakfast meeting. Contact Mike

Bates, 785-246-1266, to help.

Datha McNorton, 90th birthday celebration, 3:00-7:00 pm, April 19.

Craig Heideman was sworn in as a new club member.

Program: Jeff Carson, Board President
Jayhawk Theatre

The restoration effort received a \$5 million state of Kansas tourism grant for infrastructure improvements. Another \$25 million is needed to complete the project. Lighting and sound system design work is nearly completed. Senne company is leading infrastructure work. When completed, the theatre capacity will increase from 299 guests to 1,300 standing and 800 seating. Comedy, movies, concerts, receptions & community events are planned. Other restored theatres have been a major tourist destination. The building will be 100 yrs old in 2027. Jeff previously purchased the Thatcher Building, 112 SE 8th street, which has a restaurant. The top floor can be designed for loft apartments.

Upcoming Events:

April 1: Trent Oliva, Seaman Head Baseball Coach and players

April 8: Jim McCullough and Kay Powell, Doorstep Inc.

President's Quote: "God Always strives together with those who strive."

- Aeschylus (ancient Greek tragedian)

