

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Birthdays this week are Lloyd Becker, March 31. The birthday choir sang for Lloyd.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Club sponsored youth sports. Volleyball includes 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade players. Golf will end soon and baseball registrations continue. 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.

Optimist club board meeting is 5:45 pm, April 8.

North Topeka News: David Jackson reported that East Integrity Truck & Auto will open for interior repairs. The building was remodeled, property taxes increased 95%, but the building was not zoned for auto repair which will be changed

Kitchen remodeling for the Event Center started Tuesday morning after the breakfast meeting, April 1. Contact Mike Bates, 785-246-1266, to help.



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

**Program:** Trent Oliva, Seaman Head Baseball Coach and five players

Coach Oliva was hired by Principal Ed Albert at North Fairview elementary 20 years ago. He left USD 345 for 3 yrs to teach at Royal Valley. He returned to Seaman and has been head baseball coach for the last five years. Prior to leaving for Royal Valley Trent was an assistant baseball coach at Seaman for 12 years.

Five of the 8 seniors attended the breakfast. Their 26 game schedule includes double header games for 4 games each week. Bats range from \$300 to \$500. There are 8 seniors, 11 juniors, 12 sophomores and 14 freshman on the team. Pitchers have been clocked at 90 mph. Speed is good if it's in the strike zone. Players typically play year-round with some breaks. Future plans for some players include junior college. Players prefer artificial turf over grass infields.

### **Upcoming Events:**

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

**April 15:** Recognition, Students of the Month.

**President's Quote:** "Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?"

- Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of Anne of Green Gables