

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

**Celebrating over 50 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!**

President Kyle McNorton called the Tuesday morning meeting to order at 6:46 PM at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center with 21 club members and guests attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** No Sunrise Optimist club members are celebrating a birthday this week. But visiting Seaman baseball player Mason McConnaughey is celebrating a birthday April 27<sup>th</sup>, so the Sunrise Choir thought that was close enough for rousing rendition of Happy Birthday!

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Gary Scarlett introduced Mike Shepherd.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

In North Topeka news: Dennis Reedy announced that it was learned at the last meeting of the North Topeka Business Alliance that the Brahm's location in North Topeka was vetoed by KDOT. Look for Brahm's in Topeka at the northeast corner of SW 7<sup>th</sup> & Topeka Ave. This is the site of a former drive up Bank.

Eight teams are in the third week of playing Volleyball at Logan Elementary. Dennis remarked that you can see a marked improvement in play.

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 1:17 PM. There is significance in the starting time.

The NFL and Kansas City Chiefs will be holding a clinic on June 24<sup>th</sup> at Washburn University.

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 29, 2022 for the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Cutter Golf Classic at Lake Perry Country Club! If you have ideas, suggestions, or prizes, please contact Alan Rose, Gary Domer or Dan Lill.

Check out the web site for our Event Center at  
<https://sunriseoptimisteventcenter.com>

**Program:** Trent Oliva, Seaman High School baseball coach. Trent is in his second year as head coach, returning to the Vikings after a three-year stint at Royal Valley. Previously Trent had served as an assistant coach for the Vikings for 12 years under head coach Steve Bushnell. The Viking varsity is off to a good start with 6 wins and 1 loss. There is a varsity, Jr. varsity and a C team consisting of 9 seniors, 9 juniors, 10 sophomores and 14 freshmen. Accompanying Trent were senior players from the team: Mason McConnaughey, Brayden Colley and Jacson Stuewe. Mason is a pitcher and will be attending Cloud County, Brayden plays 3<sup>rd</sup> base and will be attending Washburn, Jacson plays first base and will be attending KSU.

Come to Friday's home game as Trent's daughter, a third grader at Elmont, will be singing the National Anthem prior to the game!

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 19th:** A report from the Sunrise Optimist Club Board of Directors.

**President's Quote:**

"Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our potential."

- Winston Churchill

