

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President Kyle McNorton called the Monday evening meeting to order at 6:50 PM at the Viking Grille with 22 club members and guests attending. Don Pekrul gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: No Sunrise Optimist club member is celebrating a birthday this week, but guest speaker Bill Nicks celebrated a birthday this April, so that was close enough for the Sunrise choir to provide a rendition of "Happy Birthday"!

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Mike & Vika Shepherd, Kay Scarlett, Susan Wallace, Marilyn Yeoman, Marci Nicks, Sheila Grant Puglisi-Lill and Cathy McNorton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No one had any North Topeka news to share with the group.

This coming Saturday, April30th, will be the last week of Volleyball at Logan Elementary. Dennis remarked that the 8 teams will be back for Fall volleyball! Perhaps word of mouth will bring in some more players and teams this fall.

Baseball/Softball/Tee-ball has over 560 players signed up with over 100 in the Pre-K T-ball league. Team schedules have been posted at playsunriseoptimist.org, with the

coaches meeting set for Monday, May 2nd at the **Event Center. Play begins** on Tuesday, May 31st.

Registration for the Sunrise Optimist Jr. Golf Academy at Great Life

North is open at playsurnise.org. It is for 3rd to 8th grades and will be limited to 15 golfers.

Mark your calendars for Friday, July 29, 2022 for the 36th 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.

Some things to look forward to: 1) Moving of the playground equipment from the former Indian Creek Elementary school to the Sunrise **Optimist Sports Complex. More** information will be provided in emails or this newsletter. 2) The Event Center building is in need of exterior paint and will be painted as a result of an Eagle Scout project.

Program: Frank Yeoman introduced Bill Nicks, from Lenexa. Bill is a member of Lenexa's City Council and served 29 years as Lenexa's Parks & Recreation Director. Bill provided both a visual and audio journey through Kansas history as told through a selfproclaimed "World's Largest Sunflower Collection". There are over 2,500 items.

Upcoming Events:

May 3rd, Tuesday morning: Back at the Sunrise Optimist Event Center, Tim Nussbaum, Seaman Girls Soccer Coach, plus 3 members from the team.

> President's Quote: "large opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day." Sally Koch

NORTH TOPEKA Meetings: Every Tuesday 6:45 AM 720 NW 50th St, Topeka