

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

President Rocky Fund rang the bell and called the meeting to order promptly at 6:45 a.m. this morning. A small gathering of approximately 28 was on hand at that time.

Richard Sundermeyer gave the invocation and **Frank Henderson** led the flag salute. **Thought for the Day:** President Rocky provided the following message: *"No time spent with you children is ever wasted!"*

There were no guests of members introduced this morning. Next week make it a point to invite your neighbor, co-worker or friend to the club meeting.

Birthday wishes are extended to **Bob Uphaus** and **Ben Schreiner** who were not present so the Sunrise choir did not break into song.

Gary Domer reported on a meeting of the Sports Complex/Activity Building Committee and the Fundraising Committee which had a meeting last Tuesday evening. Gary extended thanks to **Marvin Smith, Dave Ireland, Ray Droge, George Ford, Eric Showalter** and **Ernie Douglas** as they burned a bunch of cedar trees and brush piles out at the north side of the Complex this past Saturday morning. To get the complex ready for the upcoming ball season a work day has been planned for April.

The Fundraising Committee kicked around several ideas so be prepared for more information this spring and summer for a Barbeque Contest, a Trivia Competition, a Fish Fry, a Community Garage Sale and a Fun Run.

Steve Schieffelbien reminded everyone that ball season is not that far away and that the sorting and repacking of the ball equipment bags has been completed. Registrations will be going out March 1st, with a registration deadline of April 1st. New this year the registration forms will also be available online, so visit www.sunriseoptimist.org for more information.

Don't forget the quarterly meeting coming up **February 9th** at Emporia. We want as many as possible to go to the Saturday evening banquet to honor and

support **past President Frank Henderson** and **past Lt. Gov. Kit Kelly** as they both receive Distinguished awards. The cost of the banquet is \$ 25.00 per person. Please contact **Rocky Fund**, or **Charlie Galligher**.

We are going to have a membership drive in the form of a **Bean Feed** at the Activity Building on **March 8th**. This is a Saturday and will be in the evening so those guests that can't make it to an early morning club meeting here's a chance to introduce to them to the **Sunrise Optimist Club**.

Heritage Day Celebration will be on April 19th at the Sunrise Optimist Activity Building as our club celebrates 46 years since we were chartered in 1962. We are planning to honor our sponsoring club, the Topeka Downtown Optimist Club, charter members, past club officers and others at this event. Watch this newsletter or www.sunriseoptimist.org for more information as plans for this event develop.

Gary Slimmer announced some possible future programs for the club before he introduced today's program. Next week Randy Gragg will be with us. He is the Local and Regional Director of the Elks free throw contest. Look for Bob Horton, current Principal of Northern Hill Jr. High to talk about the changes coming next year as all 7th and 8th grade students in the district attend Seaman Middle School. Gary will also be inviting Greg Sharp to talk to the club before he moves to Lincoln to become the voice of the Nebraska Cornhuskers. At the end of February beginning of March will have the Girls then Boys Oratorical Contests.

Mike Eichten with **Topeka Ice** was on hand to talk about the not-for-profit grass roots organization that is dedicated to providing an all season, full-time, ice skating facility for Topeka.

This facility will be located right off I-70 at SE 8th and Madison. Visit www.topekaice.com for more information and a virtual tour.

Pot winners: Weekly – Dave Stotts. **Progressive** – Danny Sales number was drawn and would have won if he had been present.

