

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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**President Dave Ireland** rang the bell promptly at 6:45 AM and called the first meeting of February to order. There were 36 members who braved the cold and wind chill this morning.

**Frank Law** gave the invocation. **Ed Thornburg** led the flag salute.

President Dave announced that yesterday was Ground Hog Day and that **Punxsutawney Phil** had saw his shadow so be prepared for six more weeks of winter!

There weren't any guests again this morning! And no birthdays to celebrate this week so the choir got a much deserved rest.

The deadline for the Essay Contest is approaching at the end of February, and chair **Kim Patton** is looking for judges for the 45 submitted essays

**Kieth Bodine's** letter of thanks to the Hy-Vee store for the use of their parking lot for our annual Christmas Tree sales was in the Monday edition of the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Since this is the first Tuesday in February it was time for the 50/50 drawing. The pot had grown to \$49, when lucky **Marvin Smith's** name was drawn. Marvin then deposited his share in the "Score for the Kids" collection jar!

**Committee Reports:** Complex/Activity Building Chair **Gary Domer** reports that Activity Building Manager **Kenny Ralph** is completing his first month as Manager and has a good month with keeping the building rented. Kenny says the phone is ringing off the wall!

**Marvin Smith** reminded all that it is only a few months away before the Concession Stand is in operation for the summer ball program. The season begins the last week in May and goes for nine(9) weeks. Be thinking about volunteering for one night each week during the season to operate the Concession Stand. The Concession Stand will get a tune-up when it will be open for the

Hunter Safety classes on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Speaking of the summer ball program, **Steve Schiffelbein** was on hand with reminders of important dates for this program. Steve will be re-stocking the T-ball equipment bags, on **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 PM at the Sports Complex Activity Building. Then on **Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 PM at the Sports Complex Activity Building, Steve will be re-stocking the baseball & softball equipment bags. Please find time to help with this activity.

The Sunrise Optimist Club Board of Directors will also be meeting on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM at the Activity Building.

**Frank Law** announced that **Club Chaplin Pastor Jan Todd** has written four(4) prayers that can be recited by club members when called on to give the invocation.

**Zone 3, Lt. Governor Kit Kelly** reviewed the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter conferences for the Kansas District. Zones 4, 6, 7 & 8 will be meeting in Salina this Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, while, Zones 1, 2, 3 & 5 will be meeting in Ottawa, on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Congratulations to **George Ford** as President Dave Ireland presented him with a letter from **Optimist International President Don Seivers** for George's sponsoring a new member.

**Gary Slimmer** announced that the Activity Building will be hosting a **Legislative Forum** on March 4<sup>th</sup>. More information later as it becomes available.

**Next week: Bob Chipman**, men's head basketball coach at Washburn University.

Today's program was an very interesting and informative one by **Jason Chan**, District Manager for Waste Management about operation of Rolling Meadows RDF.

Pot winners: **Richard Maginot** and **Chuck Sodergren**.

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 Tuesday 6:45 AM  
 720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka