

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Charlie Galligher called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Gary Slimmer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Douglas George, February 19; John McArthur, February 23. No singing this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Winter basketball program ends this weekend. Registration for Summer Baseball league is open.

Pancake Feed, February 15, winter basketball program: Pete Foster thanked helpers. Estimated total raised after deducting expenses \$1,200.

Optimist scholarships provided by the essay (Feb 29 deadline) and oratorical contests (club event March 17).

March 17 & 19 and 24 & 26, Hunter Safety program, registration at www.safehunter.com.

New club member, Tom Trahl, has attended Club within a Club meetings at Viking Grille. He works for Integrity Insurance and he grew up in Atwood, KS. He served 6 years in the Army.

PROGRAM: Damon Reed, Viking Grille owner

After graduating from Seaman high school, Damon attended Fort Scott Community College and Washburn University and played football. Then, he trained for boxing and

had more than 90 professional matches, including international events.

He and partners managed a sports bar which is currently named the Viking Grille at Hunter's Ridge shopping area. They have added a Sunday breakfast which is served from 8 – 11:00 am.

He travelled to Ft. Lauderdale for the Superbowl and cheered on the Kansas City Chiefs. Although he wasn't able to join the 50,000 chief fans, probably 70% of the fans in the football stadium, he was one of perhaps a million visitors to Florida for the game.

Married for more than 20 years, his wife works as a 6th grade teacher at Elmont. She was a track star and four sport student in high school. His oldest daughter has nearly completed her college softball pitching and will attend law school at KU. His other daughter is a junior at Seaman and is a cheerleader because she doesn't like to sweat.

Looking Ahead:

February 25: Optimist Board report

President's Quote:

"Someday is not a day of the week."
- Denise Brennan-Nelson

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