

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Kyle McNorton called the meeting to order at 6:26 PM at the Vikings Grille with 14 members and guests attending. Loyd Becker gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: Since we did not meet last Tuesday February 16th, due to the extremely cold weather the Birthday announcements start from that date. It is with sadness that Charles "Chuck" Sodergren passed away one day before his 87th birthday on February 16th. More remembrances of Chuck later. David Damme, 2/17 and Douglas George, 2/19. We were fortunate to have Cathy McNorton present and here birthday is February 23rd, so we got to sing!

GUESTS: In addition to Cathy McNorton, there was Barb Slimmer, Annette Jackson and Sharlene Showalter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There was a lot of sharing memories of Chuck Sodergren, member of the club for 52 years. Chuck's "visitation" was Friday, February 19th and visitors were treated to two(2) booklets prepared by Chuck. His private funeral for family members, with the service prepared by Chuck, was on Saturday, February 20th.

Gary Slimmer and Charlie Galligher reviewed the 2nd Quarter District "Optimist Happiness" meeting that took place in Ottawa this past Friday and Saturday.

Building Manager Larry Zirkle reported on some changes and

improvements for the Sunrise Optimist Event Center, previously known as the Sunrise Optimist Activities Center.

Kyle talked about Basketball league that started February 6 with total attendance limited to 100. Registration for baseball/softball/T-ball, football and junior golf opened up.

Gary Slimmer, Club Foundation Representative, surprised Charlie & Bert Galligher with special recognition for their efforts in the club's participation in the Optimist International Foundation's 50th Anniversary Dime-A-Day program.

Program: The scheduled program of Jenny Morrell, Jayhawk Theater fell sick this afternoon, but we were lucky enough to hear from Scott Huston, owner of the Vikings Grille. Scott took over from the previous owners of Reed's a little over three(3) years ago. The bar was completely remodeled and changed to a family-oriented grille. In addition to new restaurant equipment, there is an Arcade, a Party Room and they have added a Food Truck. Please welcome the newest member of the club, as Scott completed a membership application.

Looking Ahead:

March 2: Lorna Smith, Essay Contest winner

March 9: Oratorical Contest

President's Quote: "Hard work doesn't guarantee success, but lack of hard work guarantees failure"

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