

## **Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club**

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

Past President Victor Harris called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. President Dennis Reedy was unable to attend because they were trying to find information on family and friends of the foreign exchange student living with them from Brussels. Say a prayer for Brussels....

Al Ferrell gave the invocation.

Flag Salute

Birthdays – Darrel Dade (26<sup>th</sup>), Dale Long (28<sup>th</sup>), and Wesley Sturgeon (28<sup>th</sup>) we sang to Dale!

Next Tuesday is Optimist Board meeting Location to be determined due to Hunters Safety in Optimist bldg.

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ken Berry, Former Major League Baseball center fielder. Ken was born in Kansas City, MO. He graduated from Washburn Rural High School in 1959, stared in football, basketball and track and field. His sophomore year he helped coach football for the kids in Wakarusa. He signed with Chicago White Sox as an amateur free agent before the 1961 season. He was traded to California Angels in 1970. He also played for the Milwaukee Brewers and finished his career with the Cleveland Indians. In 2012, Berry published 2 children's books, "Artie the Awesome Apple" and "Clyde the Clumsy Camel".

March 29<sup>th</sup>: Seaman Baseball Coach Steve Bushnell and Seaman Softball Coach Jay Monhollon.

April 5<sup>th</sup> Kid's Closet: We'll meet at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church 46<sup>th</sup> & Button Road.

April 11<sup>th</sup>: NOTOMA will meet at 7 pm on Monday, at Garfield Community Center.

**April 12<sup>th</sup>: Seaman High School Student of the Month and** 

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

Speaker Ron Vinduska, Principal Seaman High School.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>: Bill Persinger, CEO Valeo Behavioral Health Care.** 

You still have a chance to participate in Dime a Day! We only have 30 members participating .....Only \$36.50, can you spare it.....

Every week we have someone else that participates in Dime a Day! Thank you This benefits Optimist International Foundation – Scholarship program.

Invite a friend to Optimist, free breakfast for first visit.

### THINK BASEBALL!!!

It's easy to register to play......go to Sunrise Optimist, there is a special link, only takes a couple minutes to sign in, enroll, pay and ready to play! You can register more than one at a time, order shirts for kids and yourself. You'll be able to see what team they are on, practice times, coaches, players on the team with them AND make a donation for the

COOKIE/PIZZA SALES! I did and it was easy... If you don't have someone to play baseball/soft ball and would like to make a donation to the cookie/pizza sales you can do that!!

Hunter's Safety at the Optimist. March 22<sup>nd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. Concessions open

July 29<sup>th</sup> – Sunrise Optimist 50<sup>th</sup> year Golf Tournament. Mark your calendars...

Clay Shoot, thinking September week-end after Labor Day.

I'll donate the shot gun I won last year!

#### **Drawings:**

Tickets – Ernie Douglas Progressive – Larry Zirkle

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Sunrise Optimist Club members enjoy conversation before the Tuesday, March 22, 2016 meeting.

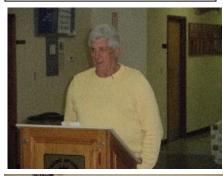


Past President Chanc Harris presides at the meeting, as President Dennis Harris was unable to attend.

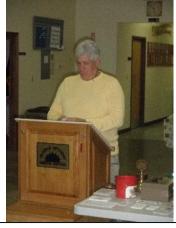


Happy Birthday to Dale Long as he was the only one in attendance celebrating a birthday this week. Does he look like he is enjoying a rendition of "Happy Birthday" from the Sunrise chorus?









Former Major League Baseball player, Ken Berry was the guest speaker at the meeting. Ken shared stories about his life in baseball with Chicago White Sox, California Angels, Milwaukee Brewers and Cleveland Indians. He also had copies of the children's books that have been published.

