

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

We are on the worldwide web: [www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org)

**President Rocky** rang the bell at 6:45 to kick off this morning's meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club. There were about 35-40 in attendance. Where is everybody?

**Richard Sundermeyer** gave the invocation and **Dave Stotts** led the flag salute. (?) Didn't hear anybody's name called to do this but I think he did it.

**Dave Ireland** introduced guest Eric Schultz this morning. Eric lives at 6420 NE Meriden Rd and owns Schultz Contracting. He has a wife and 2 children.

**Linda Good** was back with us this morning. I believe that this is her second visit and we hope that she will be filling out an application soon.

The only person having a birthday this week is **Calvin Henry**, but he was not present so we did not get to sing. If anyone sees Calvin out and about, wish him a happy birthday and tell him that we miss him at our meetings.

**Steve Schiffelbein** reminded us that the softball program for the summer will be starting very soon. The registration forms are to be turned in by April 1<sup>st</sup>. He only has about 100 or so right now (program is usually over 800) so there are still a lot of registrations to be turned in yet. Please be sure to pitch in if Steve asks for help with anything. This is a big job so there is plenty to do.

**Rocky** announced that there will be a workday at the complex on May 4<sup>th</sup> to get ready for the summer program. We need to have the place looking first class.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Board meeting is being held here in Topeka on April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be at the HoliDome at 6<sup>th</sup> & Fairlawn. Our club will be hosting the hospitality room during this time. We will need helpers and also snacks suitable for the time of day. I.e.: morning, afternoon, evening. We will be providing drinks also.

I am sad to report that one of our charter members, **Bill Vawter**, passed away last week. Bill was club president in 1965-1966. Our condolences are extended to the family.

Indian Creek Grange, North Topeka on the Move Association (NOTOMA) and the Sunrise Optimist Club will host a Legislative Forum on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Sunrise Activity Building. Legislators who have been invited to participate are Senator Laura Kelly, 18<sup>th</sup> District, Rocky Fund, Representative of the 50<sup>th</sup> District, Mike Burgess, Representative of the 51<sup>st</sup> District, and Vaughn Flora, Representative of the 57<sup>th</sup> District.

Current legislative issues will be discussed. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Slimmer @ 246-1291.

Today's pot winner was **Duane Reed** and Dale Kelley won the progressive pot.

Program today was Carl Peterjohn. He talked about growth issues in Kansas and also taxes. Kansas has some problems. Businesses, jobs, and people are leaving this state because of high taxes and spending, Kansans may not be able to vote to limit this state's high taxes. Appointed judges have already begun setting state spending in 2005.

Due to diminishing population, Kansas may lose another congressional seat in 2010 or 2020. We have already lost half of our congressional delegation in the U.S. House of representatives between 1932 and 1992 shrinking from eight (8) to four (4). Look at [www.kansastaxpayers.com](http://www.kansastaxpayers.com) for more information.

Next week's program will be Kevin Hoffmans, SHS Softball Coach and Steve Bushnell, SHS Baseball Coach.

Closed with the creed led by Rocky.



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