

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Ernie Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM with 14 attending. Dennis Reedy gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest: David Jackson introduced Gabriel O'Shea: financial advisor with Edward Jones, K-State sports fan, golfer.

BIRTHDAYS: Roberta Galligher & Pete Foster, March 30; Lloyd Becker, March 31; Dale Langley, April 3. We sang joyfully for Pete & Lloyd who were there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

David Jackson provides a hot breakfast each week. Come and enjoy food and fellowship!

Baseball registrations are open.

May 1, (rain out date May 2) Car show fundraiser by student group, Seaman high school. Register on site or on line at <https://usd345.revtrak.net/r3/doh/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: May 24, potluck dinner & social event for club members and guests at the Optimist Events Center.

Program: Bill Riphahn, County Commissioner

Mr. Riphahn worked at Parks & Rec department for 32 years and collected photographs of parks over the years. He has made similar presentations many times each month.



The first city park was on the south side of the Kansas river. A photo of a barge used as an outdoor stage on the Soldier Creek near Garfield Park documented that the creek was a waterway before the creek was rerouted for flood control. Gage Park initially was 2.5 miles west of Topeka. The acreage was donated by Mr. Gage who operated a brick factory where Hayden High School is now located. Mr. Reinisch was Gage Park director and created plant designs on the grounds. The 6th street archway entrance was built in 1910. He had photos of the original swimming pool in Gage Park along with monkey island surrounded by a moat & its façade showing offices for city and county elected officials. There were photos of equipment used to create Lake Shawnee as a WPA project during the Great Depression, WW I memorial, Ward Meade buildings and tulip festival.

Looking Ahead:

April 6th Bruce Steinbrock, Washburn University Athletics, sharing information on the new indoor athletic building
April 26, 6 pm, Viking Grille: Senator Kristin O'Shea, Legislative Update & three recipients of Optimist scholarships

President's Quote: "Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who you in theirs. The ones who accept you for who you are. The ones who would do anything to see you smile and who love you no matter what."

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