

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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**President Rocky** rang the opening bell this morning at 6:45 a.m. There were about 30 in attendance this morning.

**Eric Showalter** gave the invocation and **Dennis Richter** led the flag salute.

**Dennis Richter** brought his son, **Matt** to club with him this morning. **Matt** just returned home at 1:25 a.m. from Bagdad. **Dennis** went to Fort Riley last night to meet him and bring him home to Topeka. **Matt** just completed his 4<sup>th</sup> tour of duty there. Members of the club gave him a standing ovation. We are very proud of you **Matt** and are glad that you are home safe once again.

**Gary Slimmer** introduced **Jim Zeller** to the club this morning. **Jim** and his family live at 3507 NW Cambridge Ave. **Jim** has decided to campaign for the 18<sup>th</sup> State Senatorial seat in Kansas.

Well, today is **TAX DAY**, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, and **Ray Droge** has a birthday today. I have known **Ray** for years, and years, ever since we were kids. Well anyway, the Midnight Choir got a chance to perform again this morning and did a marvelous rendition of the birthday song. (if you believe that, we have some water-front land for sale in Florida.) **Happy Birthday Ray**.

**Marvin Smith** made a plea for help in the concession stand for the fast approaching ball season which starts on **Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to help out, please give **Marvin** a call at **246-1864**. A son or daughter, age 14 or older might be able to help also. Some of the students at Seaman help out to earn their community service hours also. The concession stand is one of our highest fundraisers, so please help if you can.

**Rocky** passed around a sign up sheet again this morning for help in the hospitality room this week-end. Help is needed, This is in connection to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Board Meeting. Our club is in charge of the hospitality room. We need your help. If you

have questions, please call **Linda Lanning**, at **246-1480**.

**Gary Domer** announced that there will be a work day here at the complex on May 3, from 8 – 12:00. Please bring a weed-eater and/or shovels.

**Alan Rose** announced that **Ed Popkess** has agreed to try to get door prizes for the Golf Tournament. However, he will need some help so please step up. The Golf Tournament will be July 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last Friday in July.

The pot winner today was **Clyde McNorton**. **Larry Carr** would have won the progressive pot, had he been present. But he wasn't.

Today's program was presented by **Jeff Glendening**, He is a lobbyist for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce and lives in Olathe. The Chamber strives to make Kansas the best state to do business in. They strive to make sure that we have a very good legal, and health care climate, keeping taxes as low as possible and such things as that. They try to bring business to Kansas. He also stated that even though the State of Kansas mandates auto insurance, 11% of drivers here don't have insurance. That's a nice thing to think about when your driving around.

The program next week will be **Madan Rattan**, owner of the new Holiday Inn Express which is being built in North Topeka on Highway 24.

### Coming up very soon:

*April 18 - 19 Hospitality Room at 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr.*

*May 3<sup>rd</sup> Work Day at Complex*

*May 27<sup>th</sup>, Ball season begins at Complex*

*May 27<sup>th</sup>, Concessions stand starts.*

*July 25<sup>th</sup>, Annual Bob Cutter Golf Tournament.*

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