

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Judge Frank Yeoman called the meeting to order.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dale and Kit Kelley. They lost a wonderful wife and mother on April 9<sup>th</sup> with death of Velda Kelley, The funeral was held Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Al Ferrell led us in the Flag Salute.  
Dave Jackson led the invocation.

Gary Domer and Rod Obermeier have birthdays this week.

The Optimist International meeting will be held over the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday in Ohio.

The Sunrise Optimist Endowment Association will recognize and honor the five students who were chosen to receive \$500 on April 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday program for April.

Gary Slimmer won the ticket drawing.

Brett and Margaret Hout won the progressive drawing.

Alan Rose reported on our July 26<sup>th</sup> golf tournament. We challenge every member of our club to buy ten \$10 ball drop tickets and sell them to friends. We need volunteers to solicit door prizes and to sponsor a hole for \$75. Also we need teams to sign up for \$260 per team. This is the 27<sup>th</sup> year for our golf tournament and the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the ball drop.

Steve Schifflbein reported on our summer T-ball, baseball, and softball programs. We need 22 team sponsors (\$80 per team) and coaches to volunteer (especially for T-ball). Coaches meetings will be next week.

Last Sunday evening the Holton club celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> year. Gary Slimmer was their speaker.

Charlie Galligher reported on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Kansas District meeting which was held in Wichita this past weekend. Three boys and three girls participated in the Oratorical contests. The winners received \$2500 scholarships.

Program- Seaman high school softball and baseball coaches, Jay Monhollan and Steve Bushnell. The baseball team played in Koffman stadium on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Both programs have varsity, Junior varsity, and C team programs. The baseball staff has been together for 8 years. Both coaches thanked our club for providing wonderful facilities. This Friday the baseball team will honor Duane "Blacky" Melvin who originated the program and was the first coach. On April 26<sup>th</sup> a benefit will be held to raise money to support Morgan Kottman,

The April Seaman Student of the Month, Mason Shields, was introduced by Ron Vinduska. Mason is an honor student and is involved as a leader in many activities. He was accompanied by his dad, Steve.

#### Future Programs-

Next Week- April 23- Gary Krohe, Author of the book of Topeka High school pictures.

April 30<sup>th</sup>- Randi Thompson, Seaman High school FFA teacher.

May 7<sup>th</sup>- Carla Crowder, Executive Director Operation reconnect.

May 14- Susan Sittenauer, Seaman High school teacher and Kansas History participants.

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