

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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President Dave Ireland opened this morning's meeting at 6:48 AM. The attendance was light with only about 25 this morning.

Gary Starr gave the invocation and **Ray Droge** led the flag salute.

An apparent mix up in communication was the reason that no coffee or breakfast was ready this morning. But due to the resourcefulness of **Marvin Smith** and **Dave Jackson** the coffee was soon flowing and **Richard Maginot** made a quick trip to the local market for a variety of pastries.

There were no guest members introduced at the meeting this morning.

Chris Brown and **Gary Domer** would have received the Birthday Song from the membership had they been in attendance. But **Dennis Richter** had **Gary Domer's** wireless phone number so those in attendance did sing Happy Birthday via cell phone. I'm sure Gary was duly impressed!

The 3rd Quarter District Meeting will be held in Manhattan this weekend April 24th - 26th. Everyone is welcome to and encouraged to attend.

Also this weekend it was announced that **Gary Scarlett** after being in business since 1974 is retiring and that the contents of his business on NE Highway 24 will go on the auction block. Best of Luck to Gary on his retirement..

Steve Schiffelbein announced that there are 66 teams with over 700 kids, ages 4 - 14, participating in this summer's ball programs. **Steve needs some help this Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM to hand out the t-ball equipment to 30 coaches. Also again on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM to hand out the baseball and softball equipment to 36 coaches.** Teams will probably start practicing next week.

In **Gary Domer's** absence **Marvin Smith** announced that a work day has been scheduled for the Complex on Saturday, May 2nd starting around 8:30 AM. Work that is on

the agenda is general clean-up around the ball diamonds and the replacement of the roof on one of the dugouts.

While **Marvin** had the attention of those in attendance he passed around a sign-up sheet for this summer's concession stand. Help is needed on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Wednesday's slot has been filled. There is also a need for substitute workers.

Rocky Fund introduced the program this morning. **Dr. Brad Rahe** and **Michael Ford** provided information about the Banner Creek Science Center, in Holton. Under the auspices of the Elk Creek Observatory, students in Holton have been involved in a significant number of astronomy projects. They include research for NASA on projects such as black holes, blazers, occultations, extra solar planets and near-earth objects (asteroids). The observatory was part of a National Geographic feature about black holes.

Dr. Rahe and **Mike Ford** shared information on proposals for the future of Banner Creek Science Center. Also, educational opportunities that take place in spacious and well appointed laboratories and class rooms, on the trail, wetlands, lakes and tall grass prairies, comprising both the 11 ½ acre outdoor learning site, designated and donated by Jackson County, plus the surrounding 1,500 acres of Banner Creek Reservoir

Since we did not have to pay for coffee or a meal this morning, there was no collection for a regular pot.

There was a progressive pot winner drawn though, and that was #106, **Michael Smith**. Unfortunately, **Michael** was not in attendance so the pot continues to grow.

Next Week's program will be David Specht, Assistant Director of Garfield Park Community Center.

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**Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka**