

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

**Pres Rocky** rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:45 a.m.

**Frank Law** gave the invocation and **Jim Zeller** led the flag salute.

The attendance appeared to be 35+ this morning.

Thought for the day: *"Don't miss out on a good idea just because you don't like the source".*

**Dave Ireland** introduced new member, **Eric Schulz**. Eric lives at 6420 NE Meriden Rd. with his wife, Jill, and son, Eathen (3). Eric owns Schulz Construction. Welcome to the club Eric.

Celebrating a birthday this week was **Bud Cook**, however he was not in attendance. **Gary Domer** celebrated a birthday last week, but skipped the meeting, so he got something this week that resembled a musical birthday greeting.

**Steve Schiflebein** announced that the coaches meetings are tonight and tomorrow night. The equipment will be handed out and rules gone over at this time.

**Marvin Smith** needs substitute workers for the concession stand during ball season.

**Gary Slimmer** would like to honor deceased members the Tuesday before Memorial Day. Please send names to Gary Slimmer before then.

**Reported from board meeting that due to increases in costs & expenses, as of Oct. 1, 2008, the 4 hour rate will increase to \$ 250.00 and \$ 25.00 per any additional hour over that. There will be no exceptions.**

**Gary Domer**  
**announced a work day at**  
**the complex this coming**  
**Sat. May 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at**  
**8:00 a.m.**

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

**George Ford** won the weekly pot this morning.

**James Mylenk** won the progressive pot but was not present to collect, so it continues to grow.

**Gary Slimmer** introduced our program, **Ken Gudenkauf, Executive Director for Let's Help**. He did some remembrances of Bob Cutter and the spoke about Let's Help. Ken grew up in Corning and played a lot of sports, went to Dodge City JuCo and Kstate. He retired from KDOT after 35 years. He and Bob both started work there in Jan 1968. Bob was always fun to be around most of the time, always a kidder. Ken retired from KDOT in June 2003, and after 3 years of retirement returned to KDOT as a legislative liaison. In 2007 he became Executive Director, financial problems of Let's help was his calling.

Let's Help supports the following programs:

Lunch Program, 300-500 meals a day, all volunteers, church groups.

Food & Clothing Bank, Emergency Services, Commodity program for over 65.

Commodity program once per quarter.

Harvesters Program – primary for Non-profits –pass thru program.

Share program – Host site system 50-60 mile radius, last Saturday of the month.

Education Program – Adult based- intake every 4-6 weeks – SRS referrals – 68 people got their GED's last year.

He took over Feb, 2007, was 2.8 million in dept, was able to borrow against an \$ 800,000 endowment to meet payroll in June of 2007. Reduced staff to only 18 employees, Got a @ 100,000 loan from United Way changed to a grant and the Catholic Charities purchased a building at 234 Kansas Ave, and proceeds went directly to principal of loan. Still \$ 2.2 million in debt.

Next weeks program will be Jim Hanni, Kansas AAA.