

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

We are on the worldwide web: www.sunriseoptimist.org

President Dave Ireland opened this mornings meeting at 6:45. Attendance this morning was 29.

Richard Sundermeyer gave the invocation and **Rocky Fund** led the flag salute.

There were no guests this morning.

We had several birthdays this morning. Present for the birthday song were **George Ford, Kit Kelley and Maurice Minihan. Marvin Smith** directed the choir and they sounded about as good as they are gonna get.

Gary Domer reported on last Saturday's workday. There were a few more this time and a few more things got done in preparation for ball season, which starts in two (2) weeks. Thanks to **Don Pekral, Eric Schulz, Dave Ireland, Gary Domer, Linda & Bruce Lanning.**

Steve Schifflbein reported that we have 63 teams registered to play ball. He says that there are 700 + Boys & girls signed up to play. There will be a coach's appreciation dinner on June 14th at the clubhouse starting at 5 p.m. All optimists are invited also. This will be a covered dish with the club supplying the hamburgers & hot dogs.

Marvin Smith announced a meeting for all concession stand workers next Tuesday, May 19th, at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend, as procedures will be discussed.

Jude reported that Sunrise Optimist is now on Facebook. Sign on and find out what's going on.

Brad Dietz introduced **Clay Wayant** as our **Student of the Month.**

Clay is a senior this year and will graduate Magna Cum Laude this spring.

He excels in tennis, swimming and Tae Kwon Do (3rd degree black belt)

He has been involved in Model United Nations, Book Club,

National Honor Society, Key Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Math Club, Scholars Bowl, Seaman Lit Magazine, Marching Band, Jazz Band, French Club, Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout), Kansas Youth Jazz Ensemble and interact.

His awards are Eagle Boy Scout, Third Degree Black Belt Tae Kwon Do, Scholars Bowl Varsity, State Music Festival (1st) Regional Music Festival (1st), High A honor Roll, Outstanding Musician Washburn Jazz Festival, Most Valuable Bank Member, and numerous others.

He works every week at Shawnee North Community Center, assisting with the Tae Kwon Do program. He also is a head referee and supervises all other referees for Shawnee County Parks and Recreation since 2003 and is a lifeguard and supervisor at the county pool.

Marvin Smith says that his committee for selecting new officers for next year needs to meet very soon. This needs to be done this month.

Retraction: In last week's newsletter, it was reported that the Kansas Legislature had eliminated funding for the History Day program at Seaman High School. In fact, the Kansas Historical Society, not the legislature, cut the funding.

This week's program was **Traci Hammes**, the 9th grade principal at Seaman High School. Traci is originally from Seneca, Ks. and went to college at Emporia State University.

She reports that they started the year with 312 students and currently have 306. Their goal is to make sure they all have a successful year, which decreases the dropout percentages. They are included in all high school activities.

Pot Winner was **Ernie Douglas.**

Progressive pot winner, **Brad Nelson**, but he was not present.

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