



The Sunriser March 19, 2008

Calendar of Events

Meetings at
Trinity United Methodist Church
3737 S. Peoria

- 3/19 Keegan Young, Zoo Friends
- 3/26 Daniel L. Schiedel,
General Manager, RSU Public Television
- 4/2 Ken Corbin - Identity Theft
- 4/9 Rotary Speaker
- 4/16 Stan Grogg, Guatemala Trip
- 4/23 Shaun Brett, Art Director
KJRH Channel 2
- 4/30 Louis Melone, Master Gardener
How to have the greenest lawn
- 5/7 Jenny Jordan, Volunteering
with the American Red Cross

Other Events

3/27 - 3/30 RYLA

News Roundup

Sunrise Through the Years. It was announced that **Herb Orr** and **Jim Vander Lind** will be updating the official Sunrise history. The last update was about 10 years ago.

We'll look forward to seeing it!

Cookies Delivery. **Karen Morgan** and Girl Scouts of the Magic Empire Council delivered cookies at the 3/12 meeting. Tasty!!!

On the Buses. **Janet Ford** and **Art Rasher** will be teaching kids from the Laura Dester Shelter how to ride the public buses on Monday, 3/31. They will be training leaders who can, in turn,

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District Attorney Tim Harris Addresses Sunrise

Tulsa County District Attorney Tim Harris addressed Sunrise's 3/12 meeting on the topic: *In Pursuit of Justice*.



Soldiering on through technical difficulties and a non-functioning slide show, Tim gave an impromptu presentation that stressed several points:

- Tim sees himself as a minister of justice. He is not just after a conviction. He is overseeing the whole process and making sure that the system works.

“The truth must be revealed.”

Tim Harris

- He commended Sunrise's involvement with the Laura Dester Shelter. Work with the children at the shelter is critically important.

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teach their buddies.

Janet and Art will need people to meet them at Promenade Mall at noon that day to meet with the kids. They will be e-mailing invitations.

Watercolors. Kay Hays announced that the Watercolor Society is having its show at the Philbrook and that it will be there until 3/30. Check it out.

State of the Foundation

Joy Ondracek made a State of the Foundation presentation at the 3/12 meeting.

She presented a Balance Sheet and a Profit and Loss statement.

She announced that the Foundation is sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship for the Girl Scouts.

The Foundation focuses its attention on children and likes to work through tax-exempt entities.

NOTE: Send your announcements, events, ideas, or other items to johnhill@cox.net, or call John Hill at 808-0987. Thanks!

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- We can change this community — one person at a time.
- The Mission:
 - A community that's committed to public safety and justice.
 - A justice system that protects each of us.
- Prosecution of time is an attempt at behavioral modification. The goal of incarceration (and of the whole justice system) is to change the way offenders think and live.
- 6 out of 10 people incarcerated will go back
- An offender's core problem may be a drug addiction. There are drugs in the penitentiary. Incarcerating someone will not cure a drug addiction.

"I'm your lawyer."

Tim Harris

- There are alternatives to incarceration. Among other options, these include drug court, DUI court, and community sentencing.
- We should treat the cause and not the symptoms. This produces the biggest bang for each justice system dollar.
- Smoking cigarettes and truancy are the two major indicators of delinquency.
- Children in the justice system need immediate feedback for the system to be effective. Current delays getting to court can hamper this.
- The state's top priorities should be:
 - Public safety
 - Infrastructure
 - Education

Harris feels that his office is being asked to do a great deal. He agrees with the need to perform these tasks, but needs more resources.

He urged us each to contact our state legislators and tell them what is important to us.