

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President Ernie Douglas rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Lloyd Becker gave the invocation. Then we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jim Andrews, Linda Lanning & Charles Nicolay. The choir sang for Linda!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Meeting, January 9

5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, January 30: ideas welcome for an event.

John C. Coufal, former club member died December 29, 2017: worked at Topeka Youth Center

### Program: January 2, 2018

**Marvin Hawver:** The Hawver Report is a subscription service. He publishes several daily reports during the Kansas legislative session. He started out as a copy boy with the Topeka newspaper. He noted the change in Kansas politics. Before there would be negotiation between political parties and laws would get passed. Often unrelated topics are included in major legislation supported entirely by one party. Now, there are staked out positions by each political party and no compromise is likely. The party in power passes its agenda.

In 2018, the entire House of Representatives is up for election. Senators will not be on the ballot. The governor's race likely will

be won by Republican Kris Kobach who has 35% of the Republican vote locked up unless he does something unpopular before the election.

He commented on possible topics in the 2018 legislative session: school funding, revenue sources

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### Looking Ahead:

**January 9:** Craig Rocastle, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG). Seaman high school student of the month.

**January 16:** Nancy Goodall, Senior VP for Core First Bank, Ten Biggest Estate Blunders

**January 23,** Joe Huerter, lawyer, Bill of Rights according to Maybery RFD

### Drawings this week:

Weekly: Gary Slimmer (again!)  
Progressive: #48 Gordon Myers  
50/50: Dave Stotts

### President's Quote:

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present."

- Bill Keane

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