

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

President Rocky Fund rang the bell at 6:45 a.m. to call the first meeting of 2008 to order. There were approximately 40 in attendance this morning.

Frank Law gave the invocation and **Ben Brower** led the flag salute.

We had 41 attending our Christmas party last Saturday evening. Everyone seemed to have a real good time. A lot of fun was had by all when the gifts were selected.

Our condolences go to past president **Joanne Kensinger** who lost her mother-in-law recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her husband, Clyde.

Dave Ireland introduced guests Darren Brennen and Ted Dalton. Darren is the owner of ABC Supply in the old John Deere building on Highway 24. Ted owns Dalton Roofing and Sheet Metal. We welcome both of them and hope to see them again.

Kin Borchers brought her daughter, Sidney and her son, Jude with her this morning. Sidney has been here before, but I think that this was Jude first visit. We hope that they come see us many, many times in the years to come.

Another reminder from our treasurer, dues are now past due. Please remit soon to ensure that your membership remains in good standing.

Since we have been idle for the past two weeks due to the holidays, the birthday list was a little longer than usual. The only ones present however were **Dean Schmitt** and **Linda Lanning**. The midnight choir was in good shape this morning and the walls echoed with a joyful rendition of the birthday song. (You really needed to be there to really enjoy this.)

Announcements:

SOC Board Meeting,
Tuesday, January 15 at 6:30 P.M.

SUNRISE OPTIMIST
NORTH TOPEKA
Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka

Building Committee meeting on January 22, at 5:30. Fund Raising meeting to follow.

Boy Scout troupe 52 is having a pancake feed in the building this Saturday, Jan 12th, 7-1 p.m. Please plan to attend and support this fund raiser.

A sign up sheet was sent around for the banquet at the District Meeting in Emporia on Feb. 9th. Past President Frank Henderson will be receiving the Distinguished President's Award and we want as many as possible to attend this. It is quite an honor to receive this and our club should be very proud of him.

Seaman principal Ron Vanduska introduced **Student of the Month, Christopher Littrell**. Christopher is first in his class of 277 and carries a 4.286 (weighted) or a 4.0 (un-weighted) GPA. He also scored 33 on his ACT test, which is very high. He received an Academic Letter, 9,10,11. Theatre Letter, 10 & 11. Golden Honor Roll (4.0 or above) 9,10,11. and a whole list of other honors which include: State History Day Qualifier, Kansas Math assessment Exemplary, Kansas Reading Assessment Exemplary, Most Valuable Player International Thespian Society, Outstanding Academic Excellence, Washburn University Camp Blue Scholarship, Best Actor in a Musical, Student of the Month for Drama, Honor Thespian.

He also participates in Band, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, President of the International Thespian Society, Lead in the School Play, 10,11,12. The lead in the school musical "Sound of Music", and member of the Seaman High Players, 10,11,12.

He also works part time at the Conoco Philips convenience store at Hunters Ridge. He has also umpired summer league baseball for the Sunrise Optimist Club for the past 3 summers. Congratulations Christopher.

A book by LTC Roger Aeschliman, VICTORY DENIED: Everything You Know About Iraq Is Wrong!, is now available. Please ask your book store to order it.

Next weeks Program will be **Troy Keiswetter, Seaman Wrestling coach**.