

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Judge Frank Yeoman called the meeting to order.

Tyler Mossiman led the invocation.  
Gary Slimmer led us in the Flag Salute.

Dave Ireland won the ticket drawing.  
Dan Lill won the progressive drawing

**Birthdays-** Marvin Smith, Tyler Mossiman, Charles Nicolay, Linda Lanning, Clay Myers, Jim Andrews. We "sang."

Brooklyn Conner, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student a Seaman Middle School, told us about the "People to People" program. She was accompanied by her mom.

Lloyd Becker reported on our very successful Christmas tree sales. We sold 147 trees. Thanks to Lloyd, Ray Droge, Gary Scarlett, and Rick Colton for helping to clean up the area.

Our next pancake feed will be on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Plan to help that day.

Charlie Galligher reported on the Second Quarter District meeting. It will be held on January 25 and 26 at the Westminster Presbyterian church in Ottawa. Lots of fun activities are planned in addition to the business sessions. Dinner and Potato Bar- Bunco etc.

#### Future Programs-

Next week- Charles Moore, Artist and owner of "Murals by Moore."

January 22<sup>nd</sup>- To Be announced

January 29<sup>th</sup>- David Burlew, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation Training Coordinator.

February 5<sup>th</sup>- To Be Announced

February 12<sup>th</sup>- Seaman Student of the Month

NOTOMA (North Topeka on the Move Association) will meet Monday evening at 7 PM at Garfield Park.

The Seaman "Student of the Month," Molly Kaup, was introduced by principal Ron Vinduska. Molly has a 4.29 grade average, is active in Debate and Forensics, Foreign languages, Science, Key Club, Model UN, Girl's State, and has worked as a volunteer with children with disabilities. Molly was accompanied by her parents.

#### Program-

Ron Vinduska told about the wide variety of educational programs that Seaman offers that we probably didn't know about.

#### Examples:

The "Dual Credit" program for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester seniors includes 257 seniors this year. This is a cooperative program with Washburn.

Seaman has more transfer students this year than ever.

Seaman has 40% male staff.

Many challenges present themselves in coordinating with government units involving highly technical classes.

The Seaman District Band programs at the High School, Middle School, and Elementary Schools are HUGE! The high school band has 205 players! 30 flag carriers are involved! This is great, but it involves some serious scheduling challenges.

The Kansas State Activities Association rules concerning eligibility for activities participation are difficult to follow.

The "No Child Left Behind" and "Common Core" requirements have extensive standards and assessment details. Special Education issues are Huge! Seaman High School has 31 staff members working with special needs students.

32% of students at Seaman are eligible for free or reduced lunch. These students have great needs.

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