

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

We are on the worldwide web: [www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org)

**President Dave Ireland** opened the meeting this morning at 6:45. There were 28 in attendance this morning.

**Frank Law** gave the invocation and **Gary Scarlett** led the flag salute.

In 1962 President Kennedy had 10 cabinet members. Now in 2009, President Obama will have 21 members in his cabinet.

**Gary Slimmer** introduced **Robert Baker** as his guest this morning. Robert has been a highway patrolman for 20 years. Robert and his wife, Karla, reside at 9131 NW Greenhills Road. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. He enjoys hunting, fishing, hobby farming with cattle & hogs. He is also retired from the US Army Reserve after 27 years of service. Welcome to the club Robert.

**Dave Ireland** announced that “**Jude**” **Brian Quinn** is our newest member. Welcome to the club Jude.

There were no members present for the birthday greetings this morning. If **Marvin Smith** would have been present, the choir would have sang the birthday song.

**Seaman High School Principal Ron Vinduska** introduced Brett Whisler as Student of the Month. Brett and his parents live at 4836 NW Fielding Pl. Brett has a GPA of 4.286 and ranks 1 in a class of 247. He is a member of Sprit Club, Spanish Club, Seaman High Academic Recognition Program (Sharp), and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He has played the following sports, Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Track. He qualified for state in the Discus throw.

He has been Student of the Month for Spanish and Industrial Tech and has gotten an exemplary rating on State Assessments in math for the past 4 years.

In Sharp he volunteers his time to get donations from business for the assemblies at his school. At his church, he has been on various mission trips

such as going to Mexico to build houses and he also went to Chapman, IS to pick up debris from the tornado.

He is employed by Walgreen’s, 10th & Topeka Blvd. He also works for Ken Gartner, part-time on the weekends. He has bailed for David Wells during the summers also.

He plans to pursue a career in the research field after he receives his PHD.

Pot winner this morning was **Gary Scarlett**.

Ron Vinduska won the progressive pot.

**Gary Slimmer** introduced **Nancy Daniels**, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Topeka, Inc.

Nancy talked about her experiences with the BB-BS organization. Being a Big Brother or Sister is a magical experience. It is about sharing your time with a young person and sharing your experiences or talents with them. Maybe going to a ballgame or movie. Or perhaps playing games or just hanging out for a while. As a BIG, you are simply a friend.

If you are interested in doing something like this, just call 785-234-5524 or check them out on their website at [www.kansasbigs.org](http://www.kansasbigs.org).

Next weeks program will be Dr. Bill Flanigan, Director of Special Services for Seaman USD 345 and also Ms Von Unruh, School to Work Transition Coordinator, at Seaman High School.

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 Meetings: Every  
 Tuesday 6:45 AM  
 720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka