

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Next week we will meet at the Helping Hands Humane Center, 5720 SW 21<sup>st</sup> street at 6:30 AM. If you plan to attend, and were not in attendance for the hand-count, let Gary Slimmer know.

President Chanc Harris called the meeting to order.

Gary Domer led us in the flag Salute  
Al Ferrell led the invocation.

Rick Colton and Ernie Douglas had birthdays. We sang.

Gary Slimmer won the ticket drawing.  
Rick Patton won the numbers drawing.

If you know of a college student who is interested in joining our club, let them know that we have discount rates for full-time students.

#### Program-

Larry Mah, Shawnee County Treasurer.

And- Recognition of the Seaman High School student of the month, Evan Steere. Evan is an honor student, goal keeper for the soccer team, Bank Vice-president, and lifeguard in the summer. He plans to attend KU and become a pharmacist. He is active at Faith Lutheran Church. Evan was presented by Ron Vinduska and accompanied by his dad.

#### Future Programs-

Next week meet at the Helping Hands Humane shelter.

January 29<sup>th</sup> - Brendon Wyley,  
Gage Park zoo director.

February 4<sup>th</sup> - Kenny Kessler,  
Special Agent, US Fish and  
Wildlife Service.

We had an approximate net profit of \$7252 from our two Christmas tree lots. Thanks to all who help on this project!

Kansas District Governor, Dale Fox, has invited us to participate in a "Chili Cook-off" at the district Winter Conference in McPherson on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$25 entry fee. To learn more about this contact Gary Slimmer.

Our Club Optimist International Oratory contests will be held as follows:

Girls March 4<sup>th</sup>

Boys March 11<sup>th</sup>

The topic this year is "How My Passions Impact the World."

Students must be under the age of 19.

Those who wish to enter should contact Gary Slimmer.

An AARP Smart Driver Course will be held at Pleasant Hill U.M. church 10AM-3PM on Wednesday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>. Upon completion you could receive a discount on car insurance. Contact Gary Slimmer for details.

President's quote- "I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, and changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're Doing something."  
Neil Gaiman

We had an approximate \$600 loss due to a break in of our storage shed.

Look at the bright side of all of this cold winter weather- you don't need to swat house flies and mosquitoes!

Closed with the creed.

Don't forget to "Give every living creature you meet a smile"!!

**SUNRISE OPTIMIST**  
**NORTH TOPEKA**  
Meetings: Every  
Tuesday 6:45 AM  
720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka