

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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Meeting called to order by **Karen Ireland**

President's quote for the week: "Concentrate on helping others and grasp each opportunity to offer encouragement and assistance."

Lloyd Becker gave the invocation.

Ernie Douglas led us in the flag salute.

Clay Myers won the progressive pot,

Clyde McNorton won the weekly drawing.

Marvin Smith, Linda Lanning, Clay Myers, Jim Andrews, and Paul Meek had birthdays

Our pancake feed will be on Feb. 12th.

Tri-star basketball contest on Feb. 26th

District meeting in Salina- Feb. 19th

Fred Patton reports that Seaman has entered 65 essays. Judging is due Feb. 28th.

Our club Girls Oratorical contest will be held on March 8th and the Boys on March 15th. Contact Gary Slimmer for details. Topic- "If I were leader of the Free World, the first issue I would address would be... This year the age has been raised to under 19.

Our club is an honor club for the 2009-10 year and Richard Maginot is an "Honor President." Rod Obermeier is an "Honor Governor."

We all express a sincere "THANKS" to Lloyd Becker for his leadership and time commitment.

A beautiful framed picture of the Seaman Band, autographed by all of the members, was presented to our club to thank us for supporting them on the New York trip.

The Seaman Student of the Month, **Amanda Bradley**, was recognized by Principal **Ron Vinduska**. Amanda was accompanied by her

parents. She is a talented student, ranking near the top of her class academically, and is a leader in many student organizations. She is also active in her church, Bethel Baptist.

The program was Bill Acree, Executive Director of the Helping Hands Humane Society. 8745 Animals were taken in last year, twice as many as in past years. Bill told about the transition to the new location at 21st and Belle.

**Future Programs-
Jan 25th- Justin Hottman, Shawnee County Animal Control Officer.**

Feb. 1st to be announced

Feb 8th-Sally Zellers, Safe Streets and Seaman Student of the month

I took a taxi in Indianapolis. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking place right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches. The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. I asked him, Why did you do that? That guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!" My taxi driver then told me what I now call my "***The Law of the Garbage Truck.***" He explained that people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up they need a place to dump it and sometimes they dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, and wish them well and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets. The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day.

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