

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President **Richard Maginot** opened the meeting at 6:45 AM.

**Chuck Sodergren** gave the invocation.  
**Duane Reed** led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Kit Kelley**.  
**Eric Schulz** won the progressive pot.

**Robert Uphaus, Ben Schreiner, and Rick Colton** had a birthdays.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter **Kansas District Optimist meeting** will be held on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> in Junction City. Camp Quality toy contributions are due Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The **Seaman Education Foundation "State of the District" banquet** will be held on **Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 in the high school commons area. The featured speaker is **Dr. Jerry Farley**, president of Washburn University, and the "State of the District" address will be given by Seaman Superintendent, **Mike Mathes**. Dinner cost is \$20. Our club is one of the sponsors of the event. Let president Maginot know if you plan to attend so we can sit together.

**Karen Ireland** has agreed to serve as our vice-president- president elect.

**Charlie Galligher** announced that we will have a winter pancake feed fund raiser on Saturday, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at Logan elementary. A sign-up sheet for helpers will be circulated next week. We hope to match the \$700 we profited at the Fall feed.

**Lee Wallace** announced that a "**Hunter's Safety**" program will be held in our building on March 16, 18, 23, and 25. We need help on concessions.

Our annual Oratorical contests will be held the end of March. We need at least 3 boys and 3 girls. The last two years we have had state winners in the girls section

**NOTOMA** will hold a monthly meeting on Monday, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM. Program will be Jack DeBacker on his Underground

Railroad house on Rochester road and plans for its restoration.

We are all encouraged to invite guests to our weekly meetings and recruit new members.

This month the part of our creed on which we are placing special emphasis is "**To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.**" Let's all try this during the week!

### Future Programs:

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>**- **Senator Chris Steineger**

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Susan Hentzler**, Director of Shawnee North Community center and Seaman school board member. **Seaman Student of the month.**

**Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**- **Gayle Shirazi**, U.S. Census Bureau

**Feb. 23-** To be announced

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**- **Dr. John Chance, North Topeka Chiropractor**

**Program – Mark Loretto**, Midland Hospice, presented a very inspirational and informative program on "End of Life Care." The concept originated in England and began in Topeka in 1978. It serves persons, regardless of ability to pay, who are diagnosed as "Terminal" or having six months or less to live.

Use your trials to strengthen yourself. Learn from everything that comes your way. Be wiser today than you were yesterday. Life is a series of lessons that present opportunities. Because you have not been spared the harsh realities of life, you can deal with the larger trials that await you down the road. The worst things you can do for those you love are the things they could and should have done for themselves. Struggles and hardship can bring self-sufficiency, maturity, and character. Some degree of pain is

necessary for a person to become suited for the responsibilities that lay ahead. **Abraham Lincoln.**

Blessed are those who expect nothing, for they shall never be disappointed.

**Closed with the Creed**



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