

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

**President Rocky Fund** rang the bell and the meeting came to order at 6:46 a.m. this morning. A good size group of just over 30 was in attendance this morning.

**Jan Todd** in her invocation made reference to ever changing and the great variety of Kansas weather, which was promptly answered by a roll of thunder! **Dick Barta** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Thank You is extended to **Eric and Sharlene Showalter** for providing breakfast for the second week as our regular breakfast preparers, **Bruce and Linda Lanning** are vacationing in Hawaii.

There were no guests of members introduced again this morning.

Birthday wishes go out to **Brenda Fund**. Since Brenda was not in attendance the Sunrise choir got another week's rest.

**George Ford** passed out flyers announcing a **Family Spaghetti Dinner** at Rolling Hills Christian Church, 4350 NW Hiawatha Pl., which is at the southwest corner of NW 46<sup>th</sup> St & US Highway 75, on **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**. The dinner is a Biloxi Missions Trip Fundraiser and they will be serving dinner from **5:30 PM** until **7:00 PM**. See George for advanced ticket sales as they need a head count to determine how much spaghetti to make. Also, to help their Biloxi Missions trip, George passed out flyers for an all-day fundraiser at Chick-fil-A in the West Ridge Mall on **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. 20% of sales will go to help pay expenses for the missions trip. See George for the flyers as you must present it to the cashier during your visit on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

It is happening this weekend! It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Meeting in Emporia on Saturday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. It is a short 50-mile, one hour drive to Emporia, so we like as many as possible to go to the Saturday evening Governor's Banquet to honor and support **Past President Frank Henderson** and **Past Zone 6 Lt. Governor Kit Kelley**. Frank will

be recognized as a Distinguished President and Kit will receive the Distinguished Lt. Governor award. This is a special event as the Kansas District is also being recognized as a Distinguished District by Optimist International. The cost of the banquet is \$ 25.00 per person. Please contact **Rocky Fund**, or **Charlie Galligher** if you are interested in going.

We are going to have a membership drive in the form of a **Bean Feed** at the Activity Building on **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. This will be Saturday evening so those guests that can't make it to an early morning club meeting here's a chance to introduce to them to the **Sunrise Optimist Club**.

**Heritage Day Celebration will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Sunrise Optimist Activity Building as our club celebrates 46 years since we were chartered in 1962. We are planning to honor our sponsoring club, the Topeka Downtown Optimist Club, charter members, past club officers and others at this event. Watch this newsletter or [www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org) for more information.

**Next week: Bob Horton**, current Principal of Northern Hill Jr. High will talk about the changes coming next year as all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in the district attend Seaman Middle School.

**Program: Randy Gragg** is the Local and Regional Director of the Elks free throw contest. Randy spoke briefly about the Elks, which is a fraternal organization that began in 1868 and now has over a million members attending 1,500 lodges in the U.S. The proceeds from fundraisers go to charitable activities, in fact the Elks organized the first Veterans Hospital in the U.S. for veterans returning from WW I. The Elks later turned over the hospital to the U.S. Government, which is how the Veterans Administration began. The free throw contest is for boys and girls within the ages of 8 – 13. Over 3.5 million kids participate, with 97% of the lodges participating. It is a no expense contest, with no registration fees.

**Pot winners: Weekly** – Rocky Fund. **Progressive** – Number 77 was drawn and Clyde McNorton claimed the pot.


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