

## **Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club**

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

Judge Frank Yeoman called the meeting to order.

President Yeoman led the invocation. Ed Albert led us in the Flag Salute.

Charlie Galligher won the ticket drawing. Al Ferrell won the 50/50 drawing. Kent Hurn won the progressive drawing

Charlie Galligher and Ben Tenpenny had birthdays this week

Our next pancake feed will be on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup>. We need your help on that day. We have two shifts. We especially need help on the second shift. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

Program- - Rod Garman, North Fairview Elementary school principal and Seaman High School Boys Swim coach. Rod is the "Kansas Elementary School Principal of the Year." He was accompanied by his two senior swim team captains- Travis Kesinger and Connor Henderson. The high school boys swim season begins in November and lasts 3 months. They have had a very successful season!

We expressed our thanks to Karen Ireland for leading us in a very successful 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. We had great food and fellowship.

**Future Programs-**

Next week- Barry Feaker, Topeka Rescue Mission Director. Barry will tell us about his new book, "In Darkness a Light Still Shines." He will have books to sell, and autograph.

Also, the "Seaman Student of the Month" will be introduced by principal Ron Vinduska.

February 19<sup>th</sup>, Beverly Rice, Director of volunteer services, Stormont-Vail Health Care.

February 26<sup>th</sup>, Recognition of Optimist Essay winners.

On March 5th, we will meet in the "Family Center" at Parker-Price mortuary, 245 NW Independence. The Girl's Optimist Oratorical Contest will be held.

March 12, Boy's Optimist Oratorical Contest will be held. Recognition of the March Seaman High School Student of the Month.

NOTOMA (North Topeka On the Move Association) will meet at 7 PM in the Garfield Park Community Center on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Marshall Madill told us about the "Governor's Freedom Ride," which takes place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 800-1000 motorcycles will start at the south steps of the Capitol building and ride to Council Grove. The proceeds from this event go to support the Mentoring program in prisons and the "Wounded Warrior" program for veterans at Fort Riley. Our club is looking into the possibility of having a pancake feed prior to the ride.

A strong-man at a carnival squeezed a lemon and offered \$100 to anyone who could get another drop out of it. A little old lady did! She explained that she was treasurer at the Lutheran church for 25 years.

Kansas is a state of the union, but it is also a state of mind...The barometer of the nation...When anything is going to happen in the country, it happens first in Kansas.

Kansas is a spiritual tuning fork-William A. White

Closed with the creed.

