

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

The family of Chuck Sodergren invites you and your family to a reception celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 4PM at the IBEW Union Hall (1620 NW Gage Blvd – NE corner of Lower Silver Lake Road and NW Gage Blvd) A band, made up of Chuck's past co-workers, will play from 2-2:30.

President Chanc Harris called the meeting to order.

Dennis Reedy led the Flag Salute.

Richard Sundermeyer led us in the Invocation

President's Quote "I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear." Rosa Parks

Charles Sodergren, David Damme, and Danny Sales have birthdays. We "sang."

We have discounted cookie dough for \$6 and Pizza for \$5 available for members

Our pancake feed will be held next Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at Logan from 7AM to 1 PM. This helps to finance our Boys Basketball program. All of the pancakes you can eat for \$4. Plan to attend and help! We will load up on Friday at the clubhouse at 1PM, meet at Dillon's and Walmart at 1:30, and set up at Logan at 2 PM. Hope to see you Saturday!!

The progressive drawing was won by Mark Fink.

The ticket drawing was won by Charlie Galligher.

Our golf tournament will be held on the last Friday of July.

The Seaman Education Advantage Foundation dinner will be held on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Individuals who wish to attend should contact Charlie Galligher and we can have a table.

Program-- Steve Anson, Head baseball coach, Washburn University  
And the Seaman Student of the Month, Carolyn Countess, was introduced by Seaman principal, Ron Vinduska. She academically ranks in the top 3 out of 309. She is active in the Key Club, Book Club, Concert Choir, Yearbook, and musicals. She was accompanied by her mother.

Future Programs-

Next Week- Stephanie Heston, Kansas Ballet Academy

February 25- Mike Beam, Kansas Livestock Association on Symphony in the Flint Hills.

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.

The theme for our essay contest this year is "How Dreams Lead to Success."

NOTOMA will hold a monthly meeting at 7 PM at Garfield Park, on Monday, March 10 (program Balance, Hearing and Physical Therapy Center)

Josh Marrone was a guest. He is a former member of the Lawrence club who has moved to Topeka.

The Board meeting was moved to February 18<sup>th</sup>.

We will have a booth at the Seaman Fitness night Feb.20<sup>th</sup> at Logan 6:30-8 PM

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