

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

President Rocky called the Feb. 12th meeting to order at 6:45. There were approximately 40 in attendance this morning

Richard Sundermeyer gave the invocation and **Frank Henderson** led the flag salute.

The following attended the awards banquet in Emporia Saturday evening. They were: **Frank and Lorraine Henderson, Kit Kelley, Rocky & Linda Fund, Eric & Sharlene Showalter, Gary & Barb Slimmer, Gary & Betty Domer, Frank & Gladys Law, Marvin Smith, Charlie Galligher, Kieth & Bev Bodine.** Congratulations to **Frank and Kit** on their awards.

Ben Tenpenny and **Charlie Galligher** names came up on the birthday list this morning. Charlie was the only one present, soooo... The midnight choir broke into song. A rousing rendition of Happy Birthday, (I think), was sang. I noticed that the eyes of some of our guest got really big.

The boys Tri-Star Basketball competition will be held this Saturday, Feb. 16th at 1:00 p.m. We need at least 8 helpers with this so please try to come down and help. We know that this is very short notice, but please try to help out. If you can, be at East Indianola by 12:45 so we can get everything organized.

February's Student of the Month is Elaine Davis, daughter of Norm & Tina Davis. Elaine is a senior this year is tied for 1st place in her class of 279, with a 4.286(weighted) 4.0 grade average.

Elaine has many academic honors including: Member of Seaman High School Bank where she is Vice President of Customer Relations, Martin Luther King Living the Dream Essay Contest-First Place. National Honor Society, Kansas Honors Scholar, United States Achievement Academy-Who's Who in Student Council, National History Day Qualifier (essay), National Society of High School Scholars, Exemplary Scores on

Kansas Math Assessment, Invited to Lead America Conference, Advanced Placement United States History Exam, Academic Awards Program – Outstanding Academic Excellence, Invited to participate in Cambridge College Program, National Honor Roll, US Achievement Academy Award Winner, Gold Honor Roll and numerous others.

Her Extracurricular activities include, but not limited to STUCO, FBLA, Kiwanis Educated Youth-Key Club International, Fellowship of Christian athletes, Spirit Club, SHS Varsity Tennis Team, Yearbook Staff Writer, Students Against Destructive Decisions-SADD, Spanish Club. She has also been on the SHS Soccer Team, Volleyball Team, Swim Team and a stage manager during her tenure at SHS.

Elaine is also a Snow Ball Candidate this month.

She also works at Planet Sub and is a lifeguard and water safety instructor at Shawnee North Aquatic Center in the summer time. She is a child card provider on Sunday mornings at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and also house/animal sits for a couple when needed.

Dad Norm jokes that since they gave her keys to a car, they don't see her much. Probably off to one of the above functions, I would guess.

Congratulations to Elaine and we wish her well in the future.

Bob Horton, currently Northern Hill Jr. High Principal and 08/09 Principal of Seaman Middle School gave our program. He talked about the USD 345 10-year plan, how it is funded and the reconfiguration of schools. He furnished us with information sheets showing the breakdown of students and also staff. He also gave us information of a new addition to Northern Hill Jr. High school that will start early this spring.

Upcoming programs are:

Feb. 19th – State Representative Mike Burgess, 51st District on current legislation.

Feb 26th - Girls Oratorical

Mar 6- Boys Oratorical Contest

Mar 11 – Student of the Month

