

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President Ernie Douglas rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Frank Yeoman gave the invocation. Then we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: The celebration choir restrained their voices for another week. Birthday this week is John McArthur but not present to listen to the music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Students of the Month: Cooper Garman and Janson Garman. Both are members of the high school swim team which won state competition. Their father and swim coach, Rod Garman also attended.

Both boys worked on a Habitat for Humanity house assembled by Seaman students. They are also Eagle Scouts and attended American Legion Boys' State.

Program: February 20, 2018

Nancy Sprowell Geise, author,
Auschwitz Holocaust Survivor #34207

Now at the age of 96 living in Ft. Collins, CO, #234297 has revealed how he survived several of the most notorious concentration camps. Shortly before dawn on a frigid morning in Radom, Poland, German soldiers forced 21 yr. old, Icek "Joe" Rubinsztejn in his night clothes and no shoes, onto a crowded, open-air truck. The next day, several around him were dead.



Joe arrived at Auschwitz on April 30, 1942. As a strong, able-bodied adult, he survived several camps as a laborer, e.g. using a wood cart to take bodies from the gas chamber to an open pit.

After the war, the Polish Jew married a German Catholic. With fear about living in Europe, they spent 5 years working through the paperwork to enjoy the freedom of the USA.

Joe became one of New York's leading shoe designers - working with companies whose shoes were sought after by First Ladies and movie stars alike.

Looking Ahead:

February 27

Roger Aechelman, Core first Bank, "A Damn Near Run Thing"

March 6: Girls' and Boys' Oratorical Contest

March 13: Tawny Stottlemire, Exec Dir of Community Action

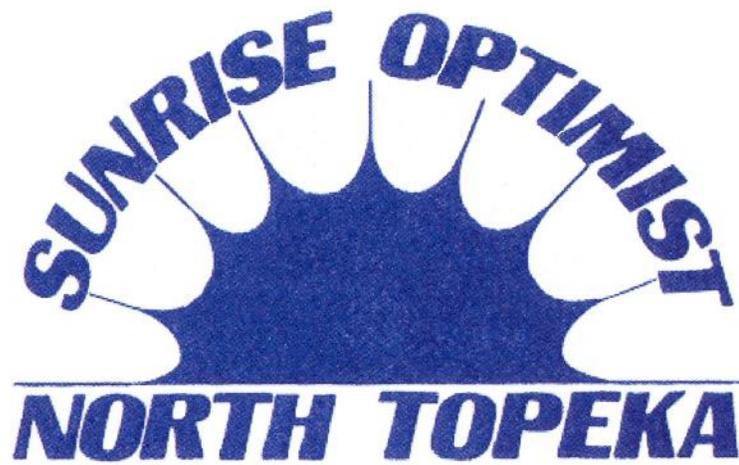
Drawings this week:

Weekly: Alan Rose

Progressive: #55 Dennis Richter

Vice-president vacancy needs volunteer.

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OPTIMIST CREED.



Registration is now open for Sunrise Optimist Summer Ball programs!



Baseball

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Softball

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Tee-ball

All registrations for baseball/softball/tee-ball will be handled ONLINE.

Forms will not be sent home from school with students.

Registration is now open! Go to:

<http://www.playsunrise.org>

Hurry! Registration closes Sunday, April 1st!



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