

# 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. Lloyd Becker gave the invocation. Then we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** The celebration choir restrained their voices for another week.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

March 6 meeting will be at the north Topeka International House of Pancakes (IHOP) restaurant. It's the weekly Pancake Tuesday event. The Optimist building is being set up for Kids Kloset event.

Guest: Andrew Keehn works for DM Bruce Associates, insurance and investments. Interests include scuba diving and earning a pilot's license. His son will participate in the club's summer baseball program.

Gary Slimmer announced that the Club's Optimist essay and oratorical contest participant is the same person who lives in Silver Lake.

Dennis Reedy reported on the quarterly Kansas District meeting in Junction City. Guest speaker was from Kansas Public Radio in Lawrence, KS.

**Program: February 27, 2018**

Roger Aeschelman, Core First Bank, "A Damn Near Run Thing"

Roger provided a historical tour of influential people

who had near misses with death experiences. His narrative included Napoleon Bonaparte, George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Edison, Adolph Hitler, Winston Churchill and many other notable figures who survived wars and other accidental events. He also gave examples of his own narrowly escaped civilian and military events that could have resulted in severe injury and/or death.

### **Looking Ahead:**

**March 6:** Meeting at IHOP, 551 NW US Highway 24. In front of the Holiday Inn Express & Suites

**March 13:** Girls' and Boys' Oratorical Contest

### **Drawings this week:**

Weekly: none

Progressive: none

Vice-president vacancy needs volunteer.

### **President's Quote:**

"Compassion is not just a feeling but a skill that can be learned and applied in our lives in surprising ways."

- Sharon Salzberg

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



**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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