

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

**President Rocky Fund** rang the bell at 6:45 sharp this morning. We had a larger than normal crowd with approximately 50 in attendance.

**Frank Law** gave the invocation and **Lloyd Becker** led the flag salute.

**Linda Good** was a guest this morning. She works out at the fitness center in Hunters Ridge and saw our softball registrations there, so decided to come and visit. Linda works at Home Depot and lives in northern Shawnee County.

**Kim Borchers** introduced her daughters, **Hannah and Sydney** to us this morning. They like for mom to bring them out to breakfast and we are glad to have them join us.

**Rocky** reported that there were about 40 at the bean feed last Saturday evening. He extended a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped and brought food. Everyone had a good time, but it was reported that the wives cleaned the guys at the poker table.

**Gary Slimmer** reported that his grandson, **John Michael Cloud**, was 1 basket short of going to the National Free Throw competition. He took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Colorado this past weekend with 21 of 25 free throws. He is the state champ from Kansas having made 23 of 25 here. John Michael is 9 yrs old and a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at Rochester Elementary.

**Rocky** read thank you notes from the Seaman Booster club for the use of the building for a fund raising dance, and etc.

We also had a thank you note from **Daniel Richter** for supporting him in "Jump Rope for the American Heart Association".

**Richard Maginot** reminded us that the Solider Township Fire Dept. would be having their annual pancake and French toast feed at our building on March 22 from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please come and support your local firefighters.

**Kim Borchers** announced that there will be a seminar on "**Defending the American Dream**" at the Ramada Inn, on April 19. Cost will be \$ 29.00 for adults and \$ 15.00 for students.

**Ron Vinduska** introduced our Student of the Month this morning. He is **Joshua Wurtz** of Seaman High School. Joshua is tied with some others for 1<sup>st</sup> in his class of 285. His GPA is 4.286(weighted

scale). Joshua is an excellent soccer player and has been Honorable Mention All City, Honorable Mention All Centennial League, 1<sup>st</sup> Team All Region 5A as a junior, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team all State 5a as a junior, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team all Centennial League as a senior, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All Region 5a as a senior. He is also listed in the Who's Who among American High School Students. He is a Kansas Honor Scholar (12), Boys State Participant (11), USAA National Honor Roll (11,12) and many others as well. He has worked as a checker at Price Chopper, worked at the Dairy Queen in North Topeka, and volunteered at least 140 hours at the VA Hospital, working in the gym there. He is also in the Seaman Marching Band and will be going to Orlando next week to perform at Disneyworld. The above is a very short recap of all of his accomplishments, as the listing is over 2 full pages long.

Joshua plans to attend KU and study engineering. His dad is member **Paul Wurtz**.

**Chuck Sodergren** introduced the essay winners to us this morning. Each read their winning essay and the topic was "Today's Choices Shape My Future". Thanks to **Judy Bervert** for providing extra class credit to students who write an essay for this contest. Also thanks to the judges, who were **Frank Henderson, Gary Slimmer** and **Erin Lewis**.

The winners and their rankings were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **Becca Sells**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Casey Carpenter**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Lani Cook**

Pot Winner today was **George Ford** and **Charles Nicolay** would have won the progressive pot had he been present.

**Have you checked out our website yet?** Go to [www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org) and have a look around. Lots of information there.

March 22 – Fire Dept  
Pancake Feed  
April 19<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Dist  
Meeting – Topeka  
May 3 – Work day at  
Complex.

Next week – WU  
Baseball Coach will speak.

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