

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

We are on the worldwide web: www.sunriseoptimist.org

President **Richard Maginot** opened the meeting at 6:45 AM.

Charles Nicolay gave the invocation. **George Ford** led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Charles Nicolay**. **Dick Barta** won the progressive pot.

Gary Slimmer and **Alan Rose** had birthdays this week.

We are all encouraged to invite guests to our weekly meetings and recruit new members. Recruit 4 members by Sept. 30th and you receive free International dues for 1 year!

We are placing special emphasis on **“To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.”**

The Soldier Township Fire Department pancake feed will be held from 6 AM – 11 AM on March 27th in our building. Support a great cause!

Program- Rocky Fund introduced our program, Kansas Speaker of the House, **State Representative, Mike O’Neal**, who explained his position on current issues. He has been a member of the house since 1984. He was accompanied by his wife Cindy.

Future Programs:

March 23rd- Jeff Wagaman, Executive Director of the Boys’s and Girl’s Club.

March 30- Boy’s and Girls’s Oratory Contest – Topic“Cyber Communications... Progress or Problem?”

April 6- Terry Bertels, Director, Topeka Parks and Recreation

April 13 – Seaman Middle School students, Delaney Hiegert and Jeris Thomas present research on Dr. Henry Blake. Seaman Student of the Month.

April 20- To Be Announced

April 27- Seaman Middle School student, **Joey Sodergren** will present research on Penicillin.

May 4 – Seaman History Day winners and Seaman teacher, Susan Sittenauer.

The regional Optimist Oratorical contest will be held on April 10th at the Topeka and Shawnee county public library. The State contest will be on May 1st in McPherson.

Alan Rose needs assistance in running off our annual golf tournament. It will be held on July 30th. It is our major fund raiser! Call Alan at his shop, 234-0415, to volunteer to help. We really need to get behind this project and need other fund raising ideas because we lost money on Christmas tree sales this year.

Jon Michael Cloud, 5th grade student at North Fairview and grandson of **Gary Slimmer**, won the Elk’s Free Throw regional competition in Denver. He will go to the National contest in Springfield MA. He won the state competition 2 years ago.

We wish **Ed Albert** a speedy recovery. He is in our thoughts and prayer. He is now at the St. Francis Rehabilitation Center.

From the March 9th Board meeting:

A Thank You letter from the Seaman Advantage Foundation was read.

Donated \$200 for the Garfield Easter Egg hunt. We will install a cabinet for sound equipment and ceiling fans in the kitchen area.

Advertising on the ball diamonds and the electronic sign was discussed and a policy was developed.

We will host a District Convention picnic on August 13th.

Hand dryers will be installed in the restrooms and a pour-over coffee maker purchased.

The Optimist club scholarship selection process was discussed.

The more complete Board meeting minutes are on the web site.

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