

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

We are on the worldwide web: [www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org)

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

**Ben Brower** gave the invocation. Sheriff **Dick Barta** led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Marvin Smith**. **Jerry Glasgow** won the progressive pot. **Charlie Galligher** won the 50-50 pot and donated his \$43 winnings to the club.

**Lloyd Becker, Dale Langley, Ed Popkess, Darrel Six, Elvin Reed, and Sean Smith** had birthdays.

**Rolf Chappell**, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Pleasant Hill, was a guest of **Gary Slimmer** and will soon be a new member.

**Rocky Fund** will be hospitalized for tests and surgery. We are all urged to keep **Rocky and Ed Albert** in our thoughts and prayers.

We are placing special emphasis this month on **“To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.”**

**Program- Terry Bertels**, Director, Topeka Parks and Recreation. He described all upcoming programs with an emphasis on the proposed new Garfield pool. The old pool was built in 1926. The pool will not be open this summer, but North Topeka kids will be transported free to other pools. Construction will begin soon and the new facility, a smaller version to the Blaisdell pool in Gage park, will open in the Spring of 2011.

### Future Programs:

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

**April 20-** John Hunter and Anita Wolgast will present information on the proposed North Topeka Arts District.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> in McPherson.

**NOTOMA** (North Topeka on the Move Association) meets Monday April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM at the Garfield Community Center. Program- Update on the Garfield pool and the North Topeka Arts District. Guests are welcome.

**Karen Ireland** will chair our next three meetings as President Maginot will be out of town.

Sunrise Optimist Club Board meeting next Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM.

**Steve Schiffelbein** will meet with coaches on April 21 and 22.

This past week we all experienced Easter and heard the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and giving his life so we might have eternal life. Dave Jackson and Frank Henderson demonstrate, by their actions, that they believed in serving others. They don't wash our feet, but they pour coffee- symbolically serving. All Optimist members should likewise function as public servants. Our purpose is to serve. We should put a high priority on serving people- especially kids. People respect those who first show them respect.

"Jesus called them to him and said, "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave: even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Matt 20: 25

"Do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another."

"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

**Closed with the Creed**

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