

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President-elect **Karen Ireland** opened the meeting at 6:45 AM.

Frank Law gave the invocation. **Dave Ireland** led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Ben Brower**. **Elvin Reed** won the progressive pot.

We are all urged to keep **Rocky Fund and Ed Albert** in our thoughts and prayers. The following is a quote of a Seaman administrator: "I visited Ed last night....he looks good physically. His voice has returned and he responded to all my questions, but his speech is garbled and hard to understand (which is normal for stroke victims.)

He appears to be progressing. He is in Room 407 at St. Francis."

Rocky had pancreas surgery last Thursday.

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."

The Sunrise Board meeting was postponed until next Tuesday, April 20th at 6:30 PM.

Welcome to our new member, **Rolf Chappell**.

Karen Ireland is preparing a "Sunrise" quilt to be auctioned off at the District meeting, April 30.

Program- – Seaman Middle School student **Jeris Thomas** presented research on Dr. Henry Blake. Her research partner, **Delaney Hiegert**, was unable to attend because of a previous commitment. Jeris was accompanied by her parents, Seaman Middle School Gifted coordinator **Kyle Johnson, and Jerry Holley**. Mr. Holley told about his WWII museum located at the Ramada hotel. These presentations were wonderful!

The Seaman "Student of the Month," **Tyler Bridges**, was introduced by Principal **Ron Vinduska**. Tyler was accompanied by his parents and grandmother, **Clint and Vivian Bridges and Charlotte Bridges**.

Tyler is an honor student who has a special interest and talent in the area of music.

Future Programs:

Next week- April 20- John Hunter and Anita Wolgast will present information on the proposed North Topeka Arts District. Don't miss this! This project could have a major impact on our North Topeka community. We all need to get behind it and support it in any way that we can.

April 27- Seaman Middle School student, **Joey Sodergren** will present research on Penicillin. Joey was inspired to do this project by learning of the death of his great-grandfather at age 48, and the thousands of deaths during WWI, which with penicillin could have been prevented.

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

Our female Sunrise Optimist Oratory representative won the regional contest and will now move on to Kansas District competition.

Alan Rose reminded us that our golf tournament will be held on the last Friday of July. We need all of the help we can get on this project.

Gary Slimmer is teaching the AARP Driver Safety Program next Monday and Tuesday, April 19 and 20, at the Cottages of Topeka, 620 NW Lyman Rd. from 12:30-4:30. Call 246-1291 for more details and information.

Our Summer Optimist softball and baseball programs serve approximately 700 youth. Parents and other family members also benefit. The goal for our youth athletic programs is to teach sportsmanship and to bring the community together. We are truly a "Community Service" organization. Thanks to Steve Schifflbein for his leadership!! We should all help in some way whenever possible.

Many things we need can wait - but the child cannot! Now is the time his bones are formed and his mind is developed. To him we cannot say tomorrow. His very name is today!

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