

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

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

**Dan Lill** gave the invocation. **Pete Foster** led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Steve Schiffelbein**.

**Bud Cook** won the progressive pot.

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.”**

**Bud Cook and Rod Obermeier** had birthdays.

**Steve Schiffelbein** reported that we have 63 teams and 701 players signed up for our summer programs so far. The T-ball is full but some more could be added in the older leagues. We need seven more team sponsors at \$75 each. Play starts on May 24<sup>th</sup>. **Dan Lill** reported that we will again have breakfast pizzas for sale and that pick-up day will be July 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Marvin Smith** needs help on concessions.

The Kansas District meeting will be held this weekend, April 30 and May 1, in McPherson. The District Oratorical contest will be held. **Karen Ireland** has a quilt ready. The District will also meet in Topeka on August 13<sup>th</sup>. We will host a Friday evening picnic then.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Washburn Tech Car Show and BBQ will be held on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-2:30 PM.

**Gary Slimmer** and his family recently traveled to Springfield Mass to support his grandson who competed in the Elks national freethrow contest and took 5<sup>th</sup> place in he nation.

**Keep Rocky Fund and Ed Albert in our thoughts and prayers.**

Clyde McNorton told about observing two touching incidents involving old veterans and a group of young military men. Several years ago he saw an old man pay

for lunch for some service men just back from Iraq. Three weeks ago he witnessed an elderly man giving 22 young military men on the bus Clyde was driving \$5 each for lunch at McDonalds. These two incidents are examples of random acts of kindness that were done only to express appreciation. Clyde expressed the opinion that more kind acts like this would be a wonderful goal! All of us agreed.

**Program-** – Seaman Middle School student, **Joey Sodergren** presented his research on Penicillin. Joey did this research as a “History Day” project. He was accompanied by his parents, Steve and Jenny Sodergren, his sister, Andie, and his grandmother Myra Sodergren. He was introduced by his grandfather, Chuck Sodergren. He 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. Unfortunately, the computer-projector did not work and Joey had to explain his project without the help of technology. He did a marvelous job of adjusting to the unexpected difficulties!

**Future Programs next week May 4** – Seaman History Day winners and Seaman teacher, **Susan Sittenauer**.

We are all invited to attend the North Topeka On the Move (NOTOMA) meeting at the Garfield community center on Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The proposed North Topeka Arts district will be described and input and ideas on the project will be solicited from those present. You can learn more about this on your computer at **notoartsdistrict.com**. This project has the potential to be a great addition to our community and we should all attend this meeting, get behind it, and support it.

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