

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.

Richard Sundermeyer gave the invocation.

Ernie Douglas led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Ray Droge**. **Jim Mlynek** won the progressive pot.

We received a "thank you" letter for our donation to the Garfield Easter Egg hunt. 4,000 eggs were found by over 600 kids.

We are placing special emphasis this month on **"To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature a smile."**

Dave Ireland was elected as a Lt. Governor of the Kansas District. **Kit Kelley** is State Governor! Our club female Oratory contest winner, **Blaire Landon**, won the State contest.

We welcomed Rocky Fund back.

Board meeting is next Tuesday, May 17th, at 6:30 PM.

Steve Schiffelbein reported that all needed baseball team sponsorships had been sold, over 720 kids were signed up, and that play begins on May 24. He has the needed umpires. **Marvin Smith** needs help with concessions. **Dan Lill** reported that individual pizzas will be sold this year and pick-up date is July 22.

Gary Gifford was a guest of **Ray Remp**. Gary is a banker with Core First.

Plan to help **Alan Rose** with the golf fund raiser. Plans are progressing well.

A Benefit for Ed Albert is being held. You can order a slab of ribs for \$20 a slab. Pick-up date is June 26 at 7 PM in our parking lot. Checks should be made payable to North Fairview and given to Gary Slimmer by May 14.

The NOTO Arts District, an action step of the Heartland Visioning project, has been progressing steadfastly since unveiling its plan and website at an April 9 press conference. The leadership team of the NOTO Arts District held an Artists' Symposium on Saturday, April 24, 2010 to hear what artists thought about the plan and potential spaces. **Over 70 artists attended**

the symposium and the leadership team received great input on the project.

The attendees learned about the background of the project and current plans from the leadership team, which includes Barbara Waterman-Peters, John Hunter and Anita Wolgast. They also learned more about the overview of the spaces and possible upgrades from the project's architectural consultant Vance Kelley. Finally, attendees had the opportunity to tour the spaces and discuss their ideas with the leadership team. The event was a success and proved once again the great interest and support of the arts in Topeka! **Plan to attend the NOTOMA meeting Monday at Garfield!**

Program- Seaman teacher, **Susan Sittenauer**, and 17 of her students who won in State History Day competition. Two students will be advancing to National level competition. Each of the students introduced himself and told about his/her project. Three of the students had also won in National essay competition- topic "Civic Values." The club gave a \$500 donation to help with expenses.

Future Programs-

May 11- Alisia Sheley and Brenden Jensen of Think Big Topeka on bringing Google to Topeka.

May 18- Dr. Bill Flannigan, Director of Special Services for Seaman USD 345.

May 25- Memorial for deceased Optimists- Jerry Abram, Pat Brady, Omar Barnes, Nick Berndt, Stan Beck, Leonard Blankenship, Bill Brown, Dick Carlson, Jack Chadwell, Chet Chalfant, Bob Cutter, Harold Doty, Frank Farrant, Jake Fleenor, Cleo Fuqua, Harry Glasgow, James Helm, George Hummer, Dwight Jackson, John Knight, Jim Kuhn, Gary Lamme, Richard Lauffer, Orville Lundgren, Lowell Maples, Joe Myers, Rollie Nelson, Ralph Newman, Marvin Parker, Clark Ransdell, Don Roepke, Harold Rosa, Howard Rowe, James Scritchfield, Harvey Scherrer, Dean

Taylor, Clayton Tice, Bill Vawter, Fred White, Leonard Woodall, and Ray Zeferjahn.

June 1- Curtis Bradford, Manager, Dillons North

June 15- American Legion Boys' and Girls' State participants.

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Tuesday 6:45 AM
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