

# 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.

**Charles Nicolay** gave the invocation. **Rod Obermeier** led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Richard Maginot**. **Don Pekral** won the progressive pot.

Birthdays this week- **Maurice Minihan, Don Pekral, George Ford, and Kit Kelley**.

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

The Board meeting was postponed until May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**

**Steve Schiffelbein** reported that the summer baseball program begins on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The pitching machine will be available for use this Saturday at 9 AM and Sunday afternoon and evening. He had an umpire meeting on Monday evening with 18 present. **Marvin Smith** needs help with concessions on Thursdays.

We received a “Thank You” note from **Susan Sittenauer**, Seaman teacher, for the financial donation that we made to help with History Day travel expenses.

Seaman High School need volunteer helpers on Friday and Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend to assist with hosting the State 5A Baseball tournament at Washburn U. Contact **Brad Dietz** at Seaman if you can help. This help would be living our Optimist Club motto “Friends of Youth.”

**Program- Alisia Sheley and Brenden Jensen** of “Think Big Topeka” on bringing Google to Topeka.

If this campaign is successful, it could bring fiber optic cable to Topeka and 50 million dollars of improvements. This is the “Next generation, high speed internet.” It has medical, educational, and quality of life advantages.

**Catlin Wienck**, and her parents **Todd and Stacey**, was introduced by Seaman principal **Ron Vinduska**. **Catlin** is the May “Student of the Month.” **Catlin** plans to attend Mid America Nazarene College. She is an honor student, has perfect attendance, is an accomplished artist and writer, History Day finalist, Band member, and is an All-Centennial League 1<sup>st</sup> team selection as a softball 1<sup>st</sup> baseman. She is also a leader in a variety of clubs and organizations.

### Future Programs-

**May 18- Dr. Bill Flannigan** the director of Special Services for Seaman USD 345 will bring some parents to the meeting and the program will be, “Parents as Teachers.”

**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, Kenneth Paul, Marvin Parker, Don Pierce, 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.

The North Kansas Avenue “Arts District” was promoted at the NOTOMA meeting last night. It is progressing well!

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