

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.

Duane Reed gave the invocation. **Dennis Richter** led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Brian "Jude" Quinn**. **Gary Slimmer** won the progressive pot.

Keith Sowards and **Frank Law** had birthdays this week. We "sang" to them.

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

The program was a very inspirational memorial service, led by **Pastor Jan Todd**, honoring former Sunrise Optimist members who have passed on. **Their memories will be a blessing forever.** We shared special memories of Jake Fleenor and Don Pierce, two members who died this past year. The ceremony ended by us all singing "Amazing Grace." 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.

We received a "Thank You" note from **Daniel Richter**, son of **Dennis Richter** for our contribution to the benefit fund he had for his friend. He raised \$250 total and 30 people walked for the cause.

Steve Schiffelbein reported that league play began yesterday. We have over 700 kids involved on 63 teams.

Dan Lill needs help distributing cookie dough/pizza packets. July 22 is pick-up day.

Marvin Smith needs help for concessions on Mondays and Thursdays.

This is Steve's 14th year to head-up the summer baseball program. Mike Stock has led the basketball program for 16 years. What would we do without the leadership of these two? Next time you see them say, "Thank You!"

Alan Rose needs help getting donations for the annual golf tournament that is held on the last Friday of July.

The program next week- **Curtis Bradford**, Manager, Dillons North

Future Programs-

June 8th- Johnny Kaine- Sports director for TV channel 27

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

June 22nd- Girls who attended a Family Careers and Community leadership program in Chicago.

Charlie Galligher pointed out that the long cold winter is now over and we are experiencing the "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer." The Northland (Seaman Community) is buzzing with happy activity. School is out for the summer, students have been promoted to the next level, and swimming pools are open. **We have over 700 kids on 63 teams on our Optimist teams!! The Seaman high school baseball, softball, and soccer teams are all very successful and headed for State Playoffs!** Our Optimist complex is in the center of much of this activity.

Those deceased members that we honor today would be proud and surprised to know that their efforts resulted in all of this! They set the tone in the past for our efforts to be "Friends of Youth" today.

Last Thursday, at a very inspirational ceremony, the bell stand in front of North Fairview school was dedicated to our **Friend Optimist** on his application and now retired principal, **Ed Albert**. We look forward to his return to our meetings and wish him the best.

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Tuesday 6:45 AM
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