

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Celebrating over 50 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!

President Chanc Harris called the meeting to order.

Dave Jackson led us in the invocation.

Marvin Smith led the flag salute.

We observed a period of silence in memory of the fallen Topeka Police officer.

Richard Sundermeyer has a birthday this week. We "Sang!"

The Fall Optimist basketball leagues include 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls, 3rd and 4th grade girls and 5th and 6th grade girls. Club members are asked to help with shortages of sponsors. Last year the Fall leagues had 34 teams, 262 kids, and 17 sponsors. For questions call Mike Stock.

We have a Childhood Cancer donation box set up at our meetings. These programs work with childhood cancer patients. Kansas has the highest % of Dime a Day participants of all Districts!

Program-

The Seaman High School Student of the month, Jayci Gooden, was introduced by Principal Ron Vinduska. Jayci is president of the student council, an honor student, and is active in many other student activities. She was accompanied by her parents and grandparents.

Principal Vinduska explained the Seaman High School top ten as follows:

10- 32% of students are on free or reduced lunch (higher than in previous years)

9- More transient population than in past

8- This movement causes a lower graduation rate.

7- Special Education is the largest department- 16 para-professionals

6- test scores are higher than ever

5- Common Core and High Tech testing causes some problems

4- Dual credit program with Washburn University is very successful

3- "Block Schedule" program is successful

2- Emphasis on training for vocations

1-Success depends on people not programs. Examples- highly successful Debate and Band programs.

This is Ron's 40th year in the education profession.

Eric Wilson was a guest of Gary Slimmer. He operates Capital City Flooring.

Future Programs-

September 16- Robin Jennisson, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.

September 23- Pam Evans, Family Service and Guidance Center.

September 30- Doug Fehr, Shawnee County Sheriff Deputy and Seaman High Resource Officer and Randy Diederich, Seaman USD 345 head of Security.

October 7- Chris Tuck, Seaman USD 345 Director of Health Services

October 14- Matt Campell, 6th grade teacher at Logan Elementary on his experience as a teacher in the Congo.

The Historic North Topeka parade will take place on Saturday, October 11th beginning at 11 AM. Contact Gary Slimmer for details and to enter.

Alan Rose won the ticket drawing.

Dave Ireland won the numbers drawing.

Our next Board meeting will be held on September 16th at 6 PM.

Our new year begins on October 1st. We will have a new Vice President, Board Members, and Newsletter editor. If you have any new ideas for fundraising or anything else let Chanc know.

President's Quote-"There are no great

limits to growth because there are no limits of human intelligence, imagination, and wonder." Ronald Reagan

Closed with the creed.



Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka