

# HIGHLIGHTS

**Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club**

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There was a chill in the damp air outside as the temperature dipped into the 50's, but the atmosphere inside of the Sunrise Optimist building in the Northland was warm, enthusiastic, and inviting.

**President Richard Maginot** opened the meeting at 6:45

**Richard Sundermeyer** gave the invocation and **Gary Domer** led us in the flag salute.

No guests today. We were encouraged to invite visitors and potential members in the future.

**Joanne Kensinger** and **Jerry Glasgow** had birthdays this week but neither of them were present so the choir took the week off.

We enjoyed a fine breakfast prepared by **Linda and Bruce Lanning**, coffee poured by **Senator Dave Jackson**, and hearty handshakes and welcomes from cashier **Ernie Douglas** and 50-50 coordinator **Dave Stotts**.

**Linda** encouraged us to either donate food or money for the Topeka North Outreach Food Bank.

Because this was the first Tuesday of the month, we had our 50-50 drawing and **President Maginot** was the winner. He set a good example by donating his winnings to the Food Bank. **Marvin Smith** won the weekly drawing and **Pete Foster** the progressive pot. Both donated their winnings to the Food Bank.

Our theme for this year is "**Living the Creed.**" Each of us is challenged to live up to our Optimist Creed as we recite it together each week. This month the emphasis is on this section, "*To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.*"

**Marvin Smith**, filling in for **Charlie Galligher**, collected dues and reported that he and **Ernie Douglas, George Ford, Keith Bodine, and Dave Ireland** had met at the Hiller barn and worked on the Christmas tree lot set-up.

Former President, **Dave Ireland**, presented a community service award to **Alan Rose** and the President's award to **Gary Domer**. The entire group expressed appreciation for the outstanding contributions of these two gentlemen.

The program was presented by fellow Sunrise member Soldier Township Fire Chief, **David Meek**. He has been a volunteer fire fighter since 1978, is the former president of Meeks's Inc. a professionally trained trauma nurse, LTC in the Air Force Reserve, and has served as Soldier Township Chief since 2008.

**Future Programs: you won't want to miss these!**  
October 13- **Jim Robuck** on gold recycling and recognition of the Seaman High School student of the month.

October 20 – **Gary Blitzsch**, owner of Southwind Gallery, on "Topeka, a great arts town."

October 27 – **Steve Yeoman**, principal at West Indianola

Information was given concerning the North Topeka parade and Fall Festival to be held this coming Saturday. The parade begins at 11 AM and the festival is all day at Garfield park. **Gary Slimmer** has become a regular guest on local TV stations promoting these exciting events.

The Washburn Institute of Technology (formerly Kaw Area Technical School) is holding Open House on October 10 from 12:30 to 4:00.

**George Ford** reported that his son Carl, a member of the Patriot Guard who recently broke his leg, and his grandson, Karl who hurt his shoulder, are both recovering well.

Closed with the Creed.

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