

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President Dennis Reedy called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM.

Victor Harris gave the invocation.  
Dennis Reedy led us in the flag salute.

President spoke about Seaman's – "Sleep in the Box", their 7<sup>th</sup> yr. 150 students participated, raised 2,000 canned foods to Randal ministries, 250 personal items and \$1200 donated to the Rescue Mission. Also have a Pet Assistance Network Topeka, to help feed/care for a pet. Making this year a fun year, getting to know one another better, JOII Club tied in with scholarships and funding clubs.

October 13<sup>th</sup>: Kenny Kessler, US Dept of Wildlife.

NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>: Pancake Feed at Logan Elementary School!

NOVEMBER 21<sup>st</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Made from the Heart" Holiday Craft Fair. Sunrise Optimist Activity Center. Do you know someone that would like to have a booth to sell their crafts, contact [CraftFair@sunriseoptimist.org](mailto:CraftFair@sunriseoptimist.org)

Member Profile: Al Ferrell: born & raised in Valley Falls, 28 graduates in his class. ESU graduate with 150 hrs, forced to declare a major and chose education because he thought it was easy. His 1<sup>st</sup> job was in Brownsville, TX the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest school in the country with 5,000 kids, 95% Hispanic. 1<sup>st</sup> job in Topeka at Highland Park. Returned to WU for 23 hours to become a principal, 18 yrs in Administration with 1<sup>st</sup> job being at Hiawatha then Solomon then Perry Lecompton. Officiates Nig10, Nig12 & MO Valley league tennis. Drivers Ed in summer, substitute teaching and plays GOLF. Married to Barb, 4 married children all living out of state, with 6 grandkids (5 boys and 1 girl) and 2 step kids.

### Drawings:

Tickets: Lloyd Becker, Progressive: Larry Carr, 50/50 – Ernie Douglas

### President's quote this week:

Football is like Life – it requires perserverance, self-denial, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and respect for authority. Vince Lombardi

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## WANTED:

Original Handmade Craft Vendors for the:

*5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
"Made from the Heart"  
Holiday Craft Fair*

**Saturday, November 21, 2015**

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