

# 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.

**Ed Albert** gave the invocation and **Dennis Richter** led us in the flag salute.

There were no guests today. We were reminded that guests receive a free breakfast and were encouraged to invite friends to join us.

Members who had birthdays were not present.

**Clyde McNorton** won the weekly drawing and **Les Wooten** the progressive pot, but he was not present to claim it.

We expressed condolences to **Duane Reed** because his sister-in-law was killed in a wreck in Colorado and also to the past president of the Kansas District whose husband died.

Congratulations to **Ed Albert** as he has a new grandchild.

**Larry Zirkle** is our new building manager.

We have collected stacks of canned vegetables, noodles, beans, and macaroni. **Linda Lanning** challenged us to double this amount by the end of the month. We all responded, "Yes We Can!" We also need "Cancer Camp" donations.

We continue to need someone to step forward and agree to be a candidate for President Elect.

The American Legion Post 400 thanked us for sponsoring a Boy's State representative.

A Halloween Safe House will be located at the Soldier Township Fire Department from 5-7 PM.

The Washburn Tech Holiday Gift and Craft Fair is Saturday, Nov. 14.

President **Maginot** challenged us to live up to our Optimist Creed. The emphasis this month is on *"To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind."*

The program was presented by **Gary Blitzsch**, owner of Southwind Gallery and Framewoods, 29<sup>th</sup> and Oakley. His topic was "Topeka, a great arts town." He discussed the possibility that the two blocks of downtown North Topeka could become an "Arts Center."

It isn't necessary to travel to far-off exotic lands, or legendary foreign art galleries, to witness **breathtaking beauty** and magnificent art. To experience matchless natural splendor we need only walk the recently completed trail along the banks of the old Soldier creek in historic North Topeka, the Shunga trail in central Topeka, or the Lake Shawnee trail. No view is more impressive than that experienced by standing on the corner of Kansas Avenue and ninth street and looking west at our fabulous capitol building. No art work can match the mural "Topeka Kansas Landmarks" found on the wall of the south Topeka boulevard McDonald's; or the wonderful collection of photos of North Topeka landmarks on the walls of Dillons North. If you feel the need to travel, you need only drive several miles west of town and gaze at the glorious Flint Hills. This natural beauty, which is all around us, changes with the seasons. We are fortunate to live in Topeka, Kansas!

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Future program:  
October 27 – **Steve Yeoman**, principal at West Indianola.

Closed with the Creed.

