

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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President Dave Ireland opened this mornings meeting at 6:46 a.m. There were 41 in attendance again this week.

Frank Law gave the invocation and **Duane Raine** led the flag salute.

Guests this morning were: **Kenny Ralph**. Kenny and his wife, Christine live at 2730 SE 33rd and have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. Kenny owns and operates Kenny's Painting located at 609 NW Paramore in North Topeka. Kenny enjoys golf and stock cars. He was the guest of **President Dave Ireland**. I understand that he is our newest member. Welcome Kenny.

Duane Raine introduced **Doug Henkle** as his guest this morning also. Doug and his wife, Nan, reside at 1320 SW 27th St. and have 3 children. Doug owns and operates Henkle Family LLC. He enjoys traveling, horseback riding and music. He grew up in the water well drilling business out in western Kansas.

A BIG Sunrise welcome to both guests.

Dave Jackson, membership chair, announced that we now have 3 new members. Two for President Dave and 1 for the club.

Kenny Ralph has a birthday this week, so the choir sang to him. Oh, Oh..The mid-night choir has now digressed to the 1 a.m. choir. I don't know were our choir director was this morning.

President Dave wants everyone to start bringing a can of food for the North Topeka Food Bank. The food banks are beginning to run very low so lets help out as much as we can.

President Dave read a thank you note from **Daniel Richter**. He thanked us for buying Boy Scout popcorn from him.

Pres. Dave also read a thank you letter from Keep America Beautiful, Topeka/Shawnee County. It read in part you " I would like to thank you and your club members for the beautification projects that

you completed in August. What a huge effort you made to beautify this community. It is only when we each take responsibility, that we can accomplish such wonderful things. Wal-Mart is very supportive, and we very much appreciate them also.' **Wal-Mart donated many flowers and plants not only to us, but to other organizations in the North Topeka Area also. This morning, Shawn Steinkamp, Store Manager, was in attendance along with 2 assistant managers, to present the club with a \$ 1,000.00 check. Past President Rocky Fund along with Charlie Galligher and Gary Slimmer also presented them a Friend of Youth award from our club in recognition for their support of our club. They have not donated a total of \$ 3,000 to us. We thank them very much.**

The 2nd Annual Fish Fry went very well. **Gary Domer** reports that we will have a profit of approximately \$ 4,000. A special thanks to the following for donations of raffle items: **Performance Tire & Wheel, Gas Card; Fairview Farms, Meat Package; & Wal-Mart North, 42" TV.** Also thanks to those who helped, **Charlie Galligher, Marvin Smith, Frank Henderson, Karen Ireland, Jill Schulz, George Ford, Ray Droge, Duane Raine, Gary Domer, Gary Scarlett, Dale Kelley, and Eric Schulz.** **Eric** donated and cooked all of the fish, and he also won the TV. **Charlie Galligher** won the Gas Card and **Jerry Glasgow** won the meat package.

Youth Appreciation will be this Saturday, Oct. 25th. If you can help with this please call Dave Ireland for details.

Last weeks program was Eric Rucker, candidate for Shawnee District Attorney.

This weeks program was Chad Taylor, candidate for Shawnee District Attorney.

Next Weeks program will be State Senator Laura Kelly, 18th Dist., running for re-election.

Pot winner was **Ernie Douglas**.

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