

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

A good crowd was on hand for the October 23, 2007 meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club. Dean Schmitt provided the Invocation and George Ford led the flag salute. -President Rocky Fund indicated that the Installation Dinner the previous Sunday had gone well. Dave Ireland introduced two guests, Rev. James Keller and Derrick Orr. Derrick has submitted an application for membership.

Birthdays this week include Kieth Bodine, Mike Bates, and Frank Yeoman. None were present so we did not sing.

Rocky asked for help this weekend passing out pancake feeds ticket packets. They will be distributed at the basketball games Saturday at East Indianola.

Gary Domer reminded everyone that the Fish Fry was this Saturday (the 27th) and that as many Gator raffle tickets as possible need to be sold over the next few days. He has them to give out to those who can sell them. He will need help with the event from 3:00-8:00 on Saturday. Many door prizes have been donated, but more are needed.

Gary acknowledged those who participated in the work day at the complex this last weekend. If your editor heard correctly, that group included President Rocky, Dave Ireland, two guys Dave Ireland brought, Steve Schiffelbein, Eric & Sharlene Showalter, and Charlie Galligher.

Gary Slimmer passed out flyers for an AARP Driver Safety Program November 13th and 20 (Tuesdays) from 6:00 to 10:00pm at Pleasant Hill United Methodist church. There is a fee of \$10. Completion might make you eligible for insurance discounts. Call 246-1737 or 246-1291.

Upcoming programs include the following (Note that three of the November meetings involve military veterans' issues):

Oct 30-Breakthrough House Compeer Progm, presented by Sarah Ganser & Patricia Phillips.

Nov 6-Frank Bentman on "The Frankfort Boys" and the sacrifice made by the town of Frankfort, KS in WW II.

Nov 13-Roger Aeschliman on his Iraqi Freedom experience. Also Student of the Month.

Nov 20- Rep (and Col.) Lee Tafanelli; salute to veterans.

Nov 27-Soldier Township Fire Chief Richard Maginot on fire safety.

Dec 4:-Joe Enneking on plans for the new Mother Theresa Church.

Today, our own Kim Borchers presented a program on protecting children from inappropriate material on the internet at our public library. Kim is very passionate about protecting our children because, as cliché as it may sound, they are literally our future. She founded Kansans for Common Sense Policy, the roots of which began back in the year 2000.

It was shocking to discover that children we being allowed access to materials in our library that would be illegal for them to purchase. This included Playboy magazine, R-rated movies, and unrestricted access to the internet that allows them to view pornography. The policy on Playboy magazine was changed, but roadblocks have been thrown up when they try to change the internet policy.

There is now anew library board that may be more responsive to this matter. The board is composed of ten members nominated by the county commission and the mayor. Kim had a petition at the meeting to be signed by those supporting a library internet filtering system.

Terminals in certain parts of the library frequented by children are already filtered. However, kids are allowed unfettered access to terminals in the other parts of the library that aren't filtered. Libraries in many other communities, including Lawrence, Manhattan, & Wichita, already filter all of their computers.

Most corporations have internet filters on their employees' computers. Filters keep pornography out, but don't restrict the internet to the point that employees can't access information that they need.

Nothing would be taken away from adults. A filtering system can be overridden if an adult wants unrestricted access. This is about protecting

kids. Filtering the library's computers would open it up to receive federal funds that are restricted

Kim closed with a reading from "Black Beauty", the gist of which is that the only thing necessary for bad things to happen, is good people to do nothing.



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