

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

VP Dave Ireland presided over the Oct 9th meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club.

Ashley Henderson, Daniel Richter were present as guests. Daniel Richter was wearing his Cub Scout uniform and was advertising Boy Scout popcorn sales. Though not a guest, it was also noted that long-time member Roger Barnes was at the meeting today.

Gary Domer had two sign-up sheets to send around, one for volunteers for the Work Day on October 20th and one for volunteers to help with the Fish Fry on October 27th. He had Fish Fry tickets for members to sell.

Help is needed this Friday night to park cars and sell tickets for the Gator raffle during the home football game.

Dan Lill says there is still a supply of cookie dough and frozen pizza being sold for half price (\$5). See him or Charlie Galligher at the meeting.

There was a sign-up sheet for the Installation Dinner on October 21st at Aboud's.

It was announced that Bruce and Linda Lanning have agreed to handle the breakfast duties for our club for another year. This was met with a round of applause.

Gary slimmer announced a presentation at the Great Overland Station on Nov 6th, featuring Deb Miller of the Department of Transportation. She will discuss the demise of our north Topeka cloverleaf and it's replacement with a round a bout.

Seaman High School Principal was present to introduce the Optimist Students of the Month for September and October, Zach Bahr and Molly Ingram. Zach and Molly each brought their moms.

Zach has been president of his class as a freshman, sophomore, junior, and as a senior is Executive President of the Student Council. He has been in marching and concert band all four years and is currently a drum major for the marching band and serves as band treasurer. He has played football all four years and is starter. He has been on the swim team all four years and serves as a team captain. He is also active in the school bank, Seaman Site Council, track team, Boys State, Debate, forensics, National Honors Society, and History Day.

Through all of this he has maintained excellent grades. He has worked at the Shawnee North Aquatic Center and has participated in many volunteer activities.

Molly is currently tied for first place in the senior class with a cumulative GPA of 4.286 on a weighted scale. She has participated in marching band every year and also participates in Symphonic band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Topeka Youth Wind Ensemble, Topeka Youth Symphony, and Topeka Youth Jazz Workshop. She has been on the Girls Swim Team all four years and serves as a manager for the Boys Swim Team. She has been a member of Tri-M Music Honors Society for three years serving as vice-president last year and president this year. She is a member of numerous organizations, such as Math Club and French Club to name a couple, and has received numerous awards, many of which are for her musical talents. She gives private music lessons and donates many hours to volunteer efforts.

Next week DC Hannah of the Patriot Guard will present the program.

Today we heard from Mike Siebert of Youth for Christ. YFC is an umbrella organization that includes programs such as Campus Life for Middle Schools, Campus Life for high Schools, and Campus Life for the Kansas Juvenile Justice Center. The KJJC was the focus of his talk today. They provide many services including a Vacation Bible School for the students at KJJC. These youth will someday be back in society so we have to prepare them for that. They try to help them develop goals and visions and plans for what to do with the rest of their lives. YFC has received many positive responses from clients they have served in this environment. The programs at the middle schools and high schools have been very successful as well.

Youth for Christ is trying to work with teen parents to help break that cycle. They need to raise funds to hire an additional person to

administer that program to really get the best results from it.

Locally, they only have two major fundraisers each year. One of them is currently underway. It involves selling a pass for a Family Fun Day for just \$7. It includes two games of bowling, a game of miniature golf, and a go-cart ride.

