

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

Check us out on the internet: www.sunriseoptimist.org

Meeting called to order by **Pres. Karen Ireland.**

Frank Law gave the invocation.

Kieth Bodine, Frank Yeoman, and Rick

Kendall had birthdays.

Al Ferrell was a guest of **Dave Ireland.**

The Rescue Mission food drive was a huge success. Thanks to **Linda Lanning!!**

The 50-50 drawing was won by **Gary Domer.**

Nov. 20th- Pancake Feed @ Logan. Sign-up to work either 6-10 or 10-2. Thanks to **Charlie Galligher** for getting out tickets to be sold to 235 young people on 28 teams in 4 leagues.

Also on Nov. 20- Fish Fry @ 5:30 PM.

Music by the "Easy Pieces" 7:30-11:30.

This Saturday is "Youth Appreciation Day." We rent the Skateaway on Fairlawn for free skating.

December 18th- Christmas party for kids.

The program We met at the PAD and Troy Mentzer told us about the history of the PAD which was started by his grandpa, Whitey Mentzer on highway 24. It all started as the Sunny Spot and Bright Spot on North Kansas Ave.

Future Programs-

Nov. 9th- Dave Wenrich, Dickey's Barbeque Pit.

Nov. 16th- Kevin Bittner, iSOLD it on Ebay.

Speaking of North Topeka history- What do you know about the following history?

1867 Eugene is annexed and becomes "North Topeka."

(The early day towns of Shorey, Indianola, Rochester, Kiro, Calhoun, Kilmer, Muddy Creek, and Elmont. Papan's Landing, the Melan and Topeka Blvd bridges and bridges over area creeks.

Early day maps, streets, highways, street cars, bus routes, the historic cloverleaf, underground railroad, New Soldier Channel walking trail

One room schools and Rural School Districts

The floods of 1844, 1903, 1951, and most recent less serious floods

Curtis Jr High, Quincy, Grant etc. Famous graduates Downtown North Topeka businesses

Union Pacific and Rock Island Railroads. The fight on where to locate. The end of Indianola. U.P. and Elmont Stations. Abandoned lines.

The Topeka Goodyear Plant.

Optimists, Kiwanis, Rotary, Masonic lodge, Moose, Grange, Merchants Association, Business Alliance, North Topeka On the Move, Historical Society, Post 400 American legion, NIA's

Boys Industrial School, Y-CAT Neighborhood grocery and drug stores to Super Centers "From Meachems to Walmart" Alleyways, Food

for Less, Dillons, K-Mart

Soldier Creek. Original and re-channeling Role during floods. Lou Paramore and the dike system.

Garfield Park Swimming Pool. Band Concerts

Garfield Community Center and Shelter House

Rochester, Half-Day, Curtis, Prairie Home, and other Cemeteries?

The nationally historic first Holiday Inn on Highway 24, Country Inn. Robert Brock and Ed Lindquist.

Professional baseball. Topeka Owls and Reds.

Little Russia. Charles Porubsky

Lower Silver Lake road truck farming. Jacksons,

Meiers, Skinners, Stovers, Potato industry

Skinners and Jacksons Garden stores and Tarwater-

Sherman, Fred Keuene and the North Topeka YMCA

Business and Industry, Sand, Concrete, Re-cycling,

Construction, and Lumber Companies

Meier family- vegetables, politics and concrete

Charles Curtis, Vice-president of the United States

and horse racing in North Topeka

Motels and mobile home parks

History of individual sports activities at Seaman and

the Seaman High School Bank

Entertainment- Lukens Theater, Princess and Kaw

Theaters, Cloverleaf Drive-in, Topeka Civic Theater,

Cappers Picnic at Garfield park, parades

Newtown- Northland Manor

Poor Farm, North Topeka Community Center

Retirement residences, Papan's Landing Center

Topeka North Outreach

North Topeka noted men of Law Enforcement- Dean

Forster, Dick Barta, Dave Meneley, Ken Pierce, Boots

Shields and the Moose Club incident

North Topeka Saddle Club

Eating places- China Inn, Bright and Sunny Spots,

Ira Price, The Pad, Plantation Steak, etc..

Topeka Rescue Mission- Barry Feaker

Bill McGuire the "River Man"

Car Sales, New and many Used

Soldier Township and Fire Station (Chiefs)

John Hiller and Hiller Diary, Rees Apple Orchard

Roy Frey, Wild Willies, Banks and Financial

institutions

The Oregon and Military Trails, Calhoun Bluffs

Newspapers, Funeral Homes, Mitchell Peony Farm

Interesting or influential individuals and Families-

Laurent, Ralph and Orville Lewis, Glasgow,

Fernstrom, McNorton, Melvin, Pollom, Tom Carlson,

Lou Paramore, DeBacker, Fred Seaman, Chuck

Logan, Rinner, Bob Mace, Jim

Robuck, Clayton Cochran,

Thurber, Shun Tenpenny, Dave

Jackson, George Dahlstrom,

Ralph Cree, Ralph Ulm, Al

Johnson, Barbara Sipes, Slim

Clark, Meinholdt

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**Meetings: Every
Tuesday 6:45 AM
720 NW 50th St, Topeka**