

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

President Rocky Fund called the morning meeting to order at 6:45 a.m. There were about 25 in attendance this morning.

President Rocky gave the invocation and **Dave Ireland** led the flag salute.

Dave Ireland introduced guest **Curtis Henderson** this morning. Curtis was a member of the Highland Park Club until it was discontinued.

R.E. Henley, Ken Baker and Jim Mlynek each celebrates a birthday this week but no one was present for us to sing to.

President Rocky announced that there will be a past-presidents meeting, **this Thursday evening, at 7:00 p.m.** at Bruce & Linda Lanning's home at 736 NW Page Lane. This is a planning meeting for the coming year.

President Rocky announced that the annual girls Tri-Star Basketball competition will be held on Saturday, Dec 8th, at East Indianola grade school. This is pass, dribble, and shoot competition, and trophies will be awarded and there is no cost. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with competition beginning at 10:00 a.m. **At least 8 volunteers are needed. Please call Mike Stock at 246-2263.**

Lloyd Becker announced that the Christmas tree lot was built last week with help from **Frank Law, Gary Domer, George Ford, Lloyd Becker, Rocky Fund and Ray Droge**. The Christmas trees arrived and were unloaded by **Lloyd Becker, Frank Law, George Ford, Nick Nicolay, Paul Keating, Rocky Fund, Gary Slimmer, and Pat Bodine**. Sales have started by now and it was said that we have some really big trees to sell this year. **A work schedule is being passed around again this morning and workers are still needed. If you would like to work the tree lot at 21st & Belle. Please contact Lloyd Becker at 246-1182 as soon as possible. Help is still needed.**

The pot winner was **President Rocky Fund**.

Douglas George won the progressive pot but was not in attendance to receive it so it continues to grow.

Today's program was given by **Richard Maginot**. Richard is the Fire Chief and Chief Administrator of Soldier Township and also a member of our club.

His program was on fire safety in the home. He had several slides of things that you should not do. With the recent fires in California, it brings awareness to the fact that there are many things that we can do around our homes to make them safer. Evergreen plantings around the house should be kept trimmed and the dead needles underneath should be cleaned out yearly. Any overgrown trees should be pruned back along with any other brush. Attention should be given inside to wiring, and flue installation, making sure they are installed correctly.

Soldier Township Fire Dept was started in 1937. The current fire station on 46th street was built in 1976 and ground has been purchased at 82nd and Topeka Blvd for an additional station in the future. There are 35 volunteers on the dept at this time, along with 3 paid full time firemen. About one-half of the calls are first responder (medical) calls.

The fire dept is supported by tax dollars and in comparison to the city is very cheap. In the city of Topeka it cost \$ 140.00 per person and in our township, the cost is \$ 36.00 per person.

Ernie Douglas led the closing creed.


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