

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

We are on the worldwide web: [www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org)

**President Richard Maginot** opened the meeting at 6:45. Twenty-five members were present in spite of bad weather. The very optimistic attitude was "Bad weather is better than no weather!"

**Ben Brower** gave the invocation.  
**Clyde McNorton** led us in the flag salute.

**Pres. Maginot** thanked those who helped with the Tri-Star basketball program on Saturday.

**Sheriff Barta's** sister-in-law passed away. We remember him in our thoughts and prayers.

**Lloyd Becker** reported on progress and circulated a sign-up sheet for helping with Christmas tree sales. Added help is needed on week-ends.

We are collecting \$5 - \$10 un-wrapped toys for the Rescue Mission. We need them by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

We need "Cancer Camp" donations. A list of needed supplies was distributed.

**President Maginot** challenged us to live up to our Optimist Creed. The emphasis this month is on "*To make all of your friends feel that there is something in them.*"

The weekly drawing was won by **Rick Colton**  
The progressive pot was won by **Jim Andrews**

**Roger Barnes, Kim Borchers, and Jim Mlynek** had birthdays. They were not in attendance, so unfortunately no "singing" took place.

Biscuits and Gravy Feed at Pleasant Hill Church on Sat. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. 7 AM-11 AM. Sponsored by the Missions Committee. \$4 donation.

The planned program for the day, the Seaman basketball program by coaches **Larry Latimer and Steve Alexander** and presentation of the Seaman "Student of the Month," was postponed because of the weather.

Senator Dave Jackson filled in admirably! Dave explained several flood control projects that

are underway on Soldier Creek and the Kaw river and progress in the business community of North Topeka. He is meeting with city manager Bonapart and Mayor Bunton this morning to discuss issues relevant to our community.

### Future Programs:

**Dec. 15** – Corporal **Thad Winkleman**, Shawnee County Sheriff's office on the Crime Lab.

**Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – **Bill Smalley** on current heating and cooling issues.

### Friendship

*Presented by Kieth Bodine Pres. 97-98*

If nobody smiled and nobody cheered, and nobody helped us *along*;

If each of us looked after only himself, and the good things went to the *strong*;

If nobody cared just a little for you, and nobody thought about *me*;

And we all stood alone in the battle of life; what a dreary old world it would *be*.

Life is sweet just because of the friends we have made, and the things which in common we *share*,  
We want to live on, not because of ourselves, but because of the people who *care*;

It's giving and doing for someone else-- on that all life's splendor *depends*;

And the joy of the world, when it's all added up, is found in the making of *friends*.

This is the beginning of a new day. God has given this new day to do as I will. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving something I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss; good, not evil; success, not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I paid for it. True happiness is like a butterfly. The more you pursue it, the more it will elude you- but if you are patient and still he will come softly and

land on your shoulder. "They seemed to come suddenly upon happiness as if they had surprised a butterfly in the winter woods." The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched-but are felt in the heart

**Closed with the Creed**

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