

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

At the **Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** meeting of the Sunrise Optimist Club, nineteen members met at 6:15 a.m. at the **Topeka Rescue Mission**. **Director Barry Feaker** offered a prayer before a short meeting and breakfast which consisted of mixed fruit, biscuits, pastries & muffins, an egg/cheese/ potato casserole, and juice & coffee.

**President Dave Ireland** reminded members that **Bruce Lanning** was absent due to knee surgery and that **Linda Lanning** said that the planning for the **Children's Optimist Christmas Party** being held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, at the Sports Complex Activity Building was going well. Reminder, this is for children grandchildren, the neighbor's kids, etc., ages infant through 9 years of age. There will be games, treats and refreshments. Dave is looking for suggestions on how to get **Santa Claus** delivered to the club. He would like a sleigh, wagon, or old car and if members have any access to these, please call him.

Dave lead members with the **Optimist Creed** before the tour began.

**Lloyd Becker** asked for members to fill the time slots open on the weekends to man the Christmas tree lot at 29<sup>th</sup> & Wanamaker. **(See the insert in this Newsletter for the times that are available)** He would like at least 2 members to be there since the weekends are the busiest. So far sales have been fair during the week and good on the weekends with 150 to 160 trees having been sold. Lloyd thanked all the members who had worked so far.

**Barry Feaker** gave a short presentation on the **Topeka Rescue Mission** which has operated for 55 years and been at the current location since 1959. TRM is totally supported by private donations, and receive no state, federal, or United Way funding. It is open 24-7 and no one is ever turned away because of race, national origin, religion, sex, or age. Last year it served over one half a million meals, housed almost 2,000 men, women, and children for a total of 65,000 nights. With the donated time and money, meals were

served for an average of 6 cents per meal. TRM provides food, shelter, clothes, provides a learning center, VA center, and job training. Currently, food supplies are low but supplies are gaining.

**David Proffitt**, a one time resident with his family, who is currently on staff full time at TRM, gave a tour of the kitchen, chapel, the women & children residents building, the learning center, and the clothes department. David is truly one of the many success stories of the TRM. He and his family now own their own home in the area.

**Becky** in the clothes department explained how residents could get up to 3 sets of clothing, specialty job clothing, and dress clothing for job interviews.

At the end of the tour, **Alan Bowman** who is on the maintenance staff showed the group his NASCAR and racing memorabilia.

### Volunteers Needed

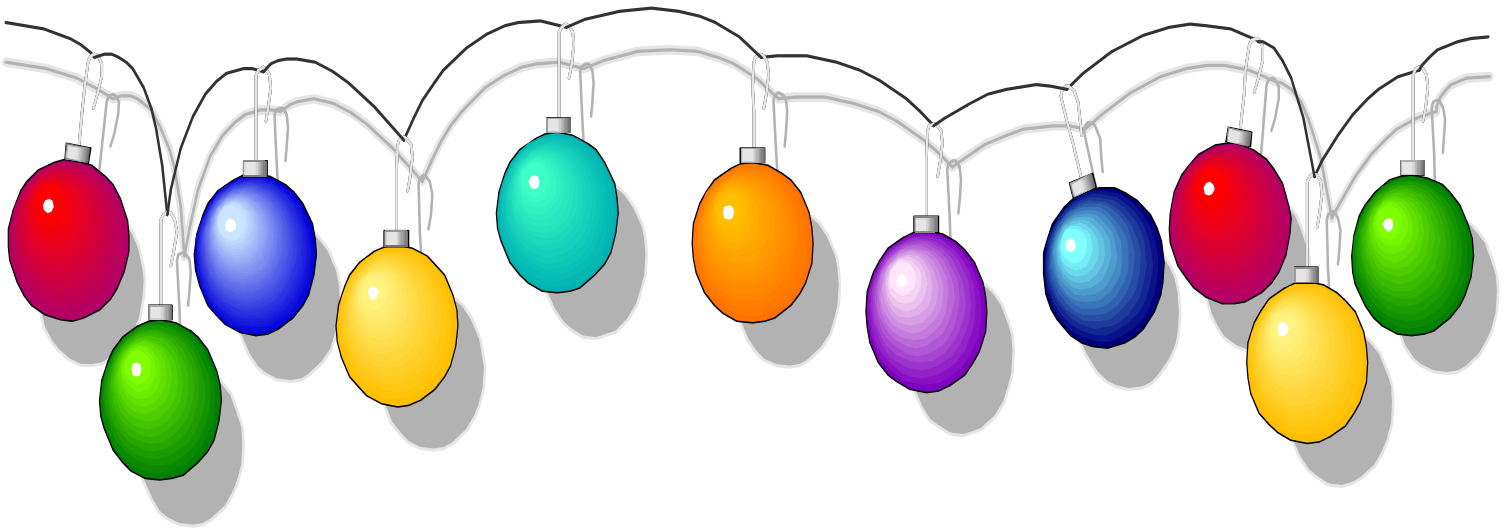
**TARC** needs help for 2 hr shifts at Christmas Wonderland at Lake Shawnee. This is a very important project. Call member **Shelly Duffy** for more info. **785-286-3083**.

**Bell ringers** are needed for the Salvation Army. Many times are available, so contact **Dave Ireland** at **785-286-1839** for more information.

**Next week:** The Seaman High School – Sunrise Optimist **Student of the Month** will be recognized. Plan on attending and bring a guest! Ask a neighbor, a friend or co-worker to come to a meeting

**Mike Stock** reported that there were 54 participants in the **Tri-Star Basketball** competition this past Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Helping out with the event were: Randy & Tyler Barth, Doug, Mallory & Matt Search, Tegan & Michael Swoboda, Jacob Hurla, Kara Lee, Jessica & Keith Sowards, and Regina Stock. Many thanks for their help!

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



# Sunrise Optimist Christmas Trees

## 2008 -Work Schedule - 2008

**HyVee Parking Lot, SW 29th & SW Wanamaker Rd.**

	11AM-2PM	2PM-5PM	5PM-8PM
Fri, Nov 28	Kieth Bodine	Kieth Bodine	Steve Schiffelbein
Sat, Nov 29	Lloyd Becker	Steve Schiffelbein	Don Pekral
Sun, Nov 30	Rocky Fund	Dave Stotts, Janet Stotts	Lloyd Becker
Mon, Dec 1	NOT MANNED	Frank Law	Bob Uphaus
Tue, Dec 2	NOT MANNED	Curtis Henderson	Dale Long
Wed, Dec 3	NOT MANNED	Duane Reed, Elvin Reed	Dave Ireland, Bob Uphaus
Thu, Dec 4	NOT MANNED	Dan Carlson	Gary Domer, Marvin Smith, Michael Smith
Fri, Dec 5	NOT MANNED	Kit Kelley, Dale Kelley	Paul Keating, Dennis Richter
Sat, Dec 6	George Ford	Nick Nicolay, Rick Colton	Dean Burrell
Sun, Dec 7	Dave Jackson, Rod Obermeier	Dave Stotts, Rocky Fund	Dan Carlson, Kim Carlson
Mon, Dec 8	NOT MANNED	Linda Lanning, Lloyd Becker	Bob Uphaus
Tue, Dec 9	NOT MANNED	Jake Fleenor	Dean Burrell
Wed, Dec 10	NOT MANNED	Ernie Douglas	Dave Ireland, Bob Uphaus
Thu, Dec 11	NOT MANNED	Mike Brier	Alan Rose, Gary Scarlett
Fri, Dec 12	NOT MANNED	Mike Brier	Dan Carlson, Kim Carlson
Sat, Dec 13	George Ford, Jan Todd		Dean Burrell
Sun, Dec 14	Dave Jackson	Dave Stotts	Jim Andrews
Mon, Dec 15	NOT MANNED		Richard Maginot
Tue, Dec 16	NOT MANNED	Ben Brower	Kyle McNorton, Cathy McNorton
Wed, Dec 17	NOT MANNED		Dave Ireland, Terry Howe
Thu, Dec 18	NOT MANNED		Gary Domer, Marvin Smith, Michael Smith
Fri, Dec 19	NOT MANNED		
Sat, Dec 20	George Ford		
Sun, Dec 21	Darrel Dade	Dave Stotts	
Mon, Dec 22	NOT MANNED		
Tue, Dec 23	NOT MANNED		

**If you are able to work any of these time slots, contact Lloyd Becker or Kieth Bodine.**