

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

**Celebrating over 50 years of service to Youth & North Topeka!**

President Ernie Douglas rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Gary Slimmer gave the invocation. Then we recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Don Brent, December 13.  
No show and no singing!

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board meeting moved from December 10 to Dec 17.

Optimist Fall basketball league ends this weekend.

Optimist Christmas Tree sales needs volunteers. Work schedules on weekdays is 2-5 pm and 5-8 pm shifts. Weekends are 11 am-2 pm, 2-5 pm and 5-8 pm. The lot is at Big Shunga Park, 2818 SW 29<sup>th</sup> north of Brookwood Shopping Center. Contact Dennis Reedy, [dreed1981@gmail.com](mailto:dreed1981@gmail.com), 785-640-0834. Work Schedule viewed at [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ImnW-bXjigDqhpBK5Zhh\\_2H2wCpzDTkCNyL-QzI9U-Y/edit?ts=5ddbef59#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ImnW-bXjigDqhpBK5Zhh_2H2wCpzDTkCNyL-QzI9U-Y/edit?ts=5ddbef59#gid=0)

Next Meeting of the Sunrise/Sunset Optimist "Club within a Club" is Thursday, December 12, 6 pm, at the Viking Grille.

**PROGRAM:** Randy Crome (Seaman teacher) and students report on Close-Up trip to Washington, DC

Two of the six students and Mr. Crome described their experiences. The one week program emphasizes civic engagement and legislative process built on

compromise. Without compromise, very little is accomplished.

200 students from around the country attended. They were split into three workshop groups. The Seaman group met both Kansas Senators and toured national museums and memorials.

Cost for each student is \$1,800 and includes airfare, room & board and admission fees. Teachers pay \$2,500. The group left at 8 am Sunday morning and returned at 8 pm the following Saturday. The Seaman group stayed one extra day.

### Looking Ahead:

**December 17:** Seaman High School Student of the Month; Sunrise Optimist Board Report

**December 24 (Christmas Eve) and December 31 (New Year's Eve):** no meetings

### Drawings this week:

Weekly: Frank Yeoman

Progressive: #53 Kim Patton

### President's Quote:

"Someone told me that 'time' is a predator that stalks us all our lives. But I rather believe that time is a companion who goes with us on the journey and reminds us to cherish every moment because it will never come again."

- Jean-Luc Picard

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