

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

The Grand Hall of the Sunrise Optimist Club was quite this morning as the result of a major ice storm that moved through the Topeka area last night. Even though the main roadways may have been passable, the parking lots and walkways were very slick. President Rocky started following the weather patterns and making phone calls to check on the weather conditions here. The freezing rain was predicted to start here at approximately 5:30 p.m. It finally arrived at about 6:30 p.m. at our location north of the city. Within a couple of hours, ice was building up on trees and power lines. A decision was made around 9:00 p.m. to cancel the morning meeting and the TV and radio stations were notified and we also called as many of the regular attendees as we could get a hold of. I think that it rained most of the night and our electricity went off about 2:00 a.m. for a couple of hours. It then went off again around 5:30 a.m. for a while, so we would not have had any coffee or breakfast anyway. Along with the ice we have had over 2 inches of rain and were in a flood warning involving Solider Creek. Due to all of the above this newsletter will in all likelihood be a tad short of material.

We extend a BIG Thank You to member and V.P. Dave Ireland for his work in clearing the snow and ice received of the weekend from all of our parking lots. He also sanded the lots for us. Thanks Dave.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to member and past president Roger Barnes in the loss of his daughter, Cynthia Thompson, who passed away on Monday, December 10th.

The Christmas Tree lot is in need of help this weekend. We need workers on Saturday morning and also on Saturday evening. Please call Lloyd Becker at 246-1182. Help is urgently needed this weekend.

Lloyd also told me that Kieth Bodine told him that we were about \$2000.00 in the black at this time. This is a good thing at this point.

Girls Tri-Star Basketball was held last Saturday at East Indianola. There were about 35 young girls that competed and everyone had lots of fun. Member Mike Stock headed the event up. Members from the club who assisted him were: Charlie Galligher, Gary Slimmer, Pete Foster, and Steve Schieffelbein.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JAN 5th, 2008 – Social, Dinner, and Gift Exchange at the Moose Lodge, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be a buffet with 2 choices of meat, chicken and pork roast. Cost is \$ 14.00 per person. There will also be a gift exchange. This will be a re-gift or white elephant exchange. Dancing will also be available in the lounge or ballroom.

FEB 9, 2008 – District Meeting at Emporia

Please plan on attending this event on Saturday. I don't have information on the cost of the dinner but understand that the rooms will run around \$ 60.00. Please call ahead and make your reservations early at the Best Western Motel.

The program today was to have been Bob Chipman. We will have him at a later date.

Program for next week will be Seaman Basketball coaches Steve Alexander and Larry Latimer.


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