

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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The cold winter weather is no match for the warmth of the fellowship, mutual-respect, and goodwill so evident every Tuesday morning at our Sunrise Optimist meetings. The positive atmosphere charges our batteries and prepares us to overcome any negativity we might encounter.

President Richard Maginot opened the meeting at 6:45 AM.

Nick Nicolay gave the invocation.

Dale Long led us in the flag salute.

We received a "Thank You" note from the Rescue Mission. All members are urged to attend the **presentation of toys at the Mission on Friday at 6 PM.** Thanks to Dave Ireland for his leadership.

Pres. Maginot will be in California next week so **Dave Ireland** will chair our meeting. We continue to need someone to serve as president-elect.

Lloyd Becker reported that we are now in the black on Christmas tree sales. *Added help is badly needed on week-ends!!*

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 *"To make all of your friends feel that there is something in them."*

The weekly drawing was won by **George Ford**
The progressive pot was won by **Ken Baker**

Don Brent had a birthday this week as did **Jake Fleenor**. We fondly remembered Jake.

The Seaman "Student of the Month," **Natalie Scott**, was recognized. Her grade point average leads her class, is a cheerleader, essay contest winner, plays in the band, is in Key Club, Math Club, and is vice-president of the Bank. In her spare time she is a lifeguard and works at K-Mart.

Future Programs:

Dec. 22nd – **Bill Smalley** on current heating and cooling issues.

Dec. 28th – **Madon Rattan** on the progress of the Holiday Inn.

Jan. 5th - Seaman basketball program by coaches **Larry Latimer and Steve Alexander**

The program was introduced by **Sheriff Barta** and presented by Corporal **Thad Winkleman** of the Shawnee County Sheriff's office. He spoke on the Heart of America Regional Computer Forensic Lab. If you were not present- you missed a great program!

It's All in the State of Mind

If you think you are beaten, you are; if you think you dare not, you *don't*;

If you'd like to win, but you think you can't; it's almost certain you *won't*

If you think you'll lose, you've lost; for out in the world you'll *find*

Success begins with a fellow's will. It's all in the state of *mind*.

If you think you are outclassed, you are; you've got to think high to *rise*;

You've got to be sure of yourself before, you can ever win a *prize*.

Life's battles don't always go, to the stronger or faster *man*;

But sooner or later the man who wins; is the man who thinks he *can*

I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon. I seek opportunity to develop whatever talents God gave me- not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for benefit nor my dignity for a handout. I will never cower before any earthly master nor bend to any threat. It is my heritage to

stand erect, proud and unafraid; to think and act myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations and to face the world boldly and say-- "This, with God's help, I have done." All this is what it means to be an American.

Closed with the Creed

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Tuesday 6:45 AM
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