

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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There were 32 brave Sunrise members that braved the cold and snow to attend the Tuesday, December 16th meeting. **President Dave Ireland** rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:48 AM. The invocation was provided by **Richard Sundermeyer** and **Alan Rose** led the Flag Salute. There were no guests or new members to introduce this morning.

Celebrating birthdays this week are **Don Brent, Jake Fleenor**. Don was not in attendance but Jake was a late arrival and the Sunrise chorus was so anxious to sing that they broke into song as soon as Jake came through the door. And I have to admit the rendition of Happy Birthday was one of the best efforts by the group in a long time.

President Dave Ireland read thank you notes from a couple of the Teachers of the Year that were honored at a meeting a few weeks ago. He also read a thank you from the students in the Lyman Boys & Girls Club for the snacks provided by a donation from the Sunrise Optimist Club.

The **Sunrise Optimist Club/Seaman High School Student of the Month** was introduced by Principal **Ron Vinduska**. A very impressive resume was provided for **Kelly Zachariasen**. Here are some highlights among a very long list of academic accomplishments and extra curricular activities: Ranked 1st in her class of 260, on the "A" Honor Roll throughout her career at Seaman High School, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Student of the Month for a number of academic departments at Seaman, National Honor Society and serving as President her Senior year, President of the Seaman Bank, member of Viking Band serving as Drum Major the past two years, Kelly has lettered the past three years in varsity soccer. In addition Kelly finds the time to volunteer at St. Francis Hospital and Mother Teresa Catholic Church. Congratulations to **Kelly Zachariasen** the **Sunrise Optimist Club/Seaman High School Student of the Month**.

Kieth Bodne and Lloyd Becker were on hand to talk about the Christmas Tree lot, located this year at the HyVee

parking lot at SW 29th St. & SW Wanamaker Road. Kieth thanked those members who came out to the lot to set it back up after the wind took it down last Friday-Saturday. Lloyd asked for members to fill the remaining time slots to man the Christmas tree lot as we wind down towards Christmas. There is approximately 100 trees left to sell

Linda Lanning reminded those in attendance that the **Children's Optimist Christmas Party** is this Saturday December 20th, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, at the Sports Complex Activity Building. The Activity Building is decorated and ready for the arrival of Santa Claus, which will arrive at approximately 1:30 PM in an antique Model A, escorted by the Shawnee County Sheriff. This is for children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, the neighbor's kids, etc., ages infant through 9 years of age. There will be games, treats and refreshments.

Marcia Pope Vice-president with the **Topeka Community Foundation** was introduced and provided the program this morning. Marcia has been with the Topeka Community Foundation for five(5) years. The Topeka Community Foundation has been in existence for 25 years and in that time over \$26 million has been granted. The charitable causes that are funded by TCF are quite varied. Last year \$2.3 million was given back to the community in the form of grants, scholarships and other means. TCF does not have programs of their own but are conveners for over 325 different funds. All it takes is \$150 to establish a fund account. Funds are invested in either a fixed rate income pool or in a growth portfolio. Each fund is accounted for separately, and all donations are tax deductible. The Topeka Community Foundation is staffed with five(5) full time employees.

Next week: Bill McFarland, History teacher at Washburn Rural High School, on his book "Keep the Flag to the Front", a story about the Eighth Kansas Volunteer Infantry.

Pot Winner: **Richard Maginot**
Progressive Pot: #12 – **Kieth Bodine**

Closed with **Optimist Creed**.

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