

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Next week **December 25- No Meeting, Merry Christmas**



Charlie Galligher won the ticket drawing. Darrell Dade won the progressive drawing

January 1- No Meeting, Happy New Year

Judge Frank Yeoman called the meeting to order. Judge Yeoman shared the following words of wisdom: "If it weren't for sorrow and bad times, every day would be Christmas" (Lithuanian Proverb)

Al Ferrell led the invocation. Pete Foster led us in the Flag Salute.

Congratulations to Rod Garman, principal of North Fairview Elementary school, for being selected as the principal of the year by the Kansas Association of Elementary Schools!

Our annual Christmas tree sales program has gone well. Lloyd Becker gave a very positive report on sales. We started with 150 trees and now have only 11 remaining. Our board is considering whether to continue Christmas tree sales next year. Other clubs are ending their sales next year and a very promising location is opening up.

Program: - Nancy Johnson, Exec. Director of the Community Resources Council. The purpose of his organization is to connect services in the community through collaboration, advocacy, research, and education. The organization started in Shawnee County in 1925. Nancy told about an interesting recent case that involved many community groups. The group meets monthly and memberships are \$50.

We expressed our appreciation to Bruce and Linda Lanning for all that they do every week. They open up, prepare the food, and close up. We all too often take service like this for granted.

Our next meeting will be on January 8th 2013. The Seaman "Student of the Month" will be introduced and principal Ron Vinduska will tell about the wide variety of educational programs that Seaman offers.

STARFISH

The tide had thrown thousands of starfish onto the beach. Unable to return to the ocean, they were dying.

Then, a young beachcomber saw their plight and began picking up starfish one by one and throwing them back into the water. One watching his seemingly futile effort observed; "There are thousands of starfish here. You can't possibly throw enough of them back to make any difference." Ignoring the criticism, the young man picked up another starfish and tossed it back into the waves. "It made a difference to that one," he said.

The TATE family stirs up trouble in the school district-The Board of Education is very concerned about the actions of the TATE family and the ill will being caused by their actions. Old man DICK TATE wants to run everything his way. Uncle RO TATE talks in circles and tries to change everything. Sister AGI TATE stirs up trouble wherever possible, helped on by her brother IRRITATE. Whenever new projects are suggested, brother HESI TATE and sister VEGETATE pour cold water on the proposals. Then there is cousin IMITATE who tries to have the school mimic everybody else to keep up with the times. When the school budget is being considered, everybody gets scared stiff when brother DEVASTATE stands up and bellers at the meeting. And the last word is usually had by brother POTENTATE, the

clan's self-made big shot who gets his orders directly from the Almighty. The Board of Education is hoping that the TATE CLAN will move to another school district..any other school district.

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