

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Acting President Gary Scarlett rang the bell and called the meeting to order at 6:45 AM. Dave Jackson gave the invocation. Then we all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

BIRTHDAYS: None this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas tree sales are done. Lloyd Becker and Keith Bodine thanked volunteers.

Life membership awarded to past president, Dennis Reedy.

Gary Slimmer announced that Oratorical contests are scheduled for March 6 (girls) and March 13 (boys). Students under age 18 are eligible to participate.

Program: December 19, 2017

Tim Hrenchir, "The History Guy," Topeka newspaper journalist. Telling Topeka stories is his motivation for reporting, e.g. federal troops disrupted the Free State Legislature in 1856, Kansas Supreme Court banning KKK marches in 1925, origin of the Pentacostal movement in 1901, WWJD – "In His Steps" by Charles Sheldon, the U.S. Supreme Court decision banning public school segregation in 1954, the Grace Episcopal church fire in 1976, Wild Willies discount store in North Topeka, Pore Richard's restaurant, Barrington Village tornado in 1988.

He started out as a copy boy in 1980 when he was a high

school sophomore at Shawnee Heights. He moved to obituary writer in 1983, to the police beat in 1989, to city & county government reporting in 2004 and to the paper's web site in October 2016. He creates short videos on the paper's web site each week as "The History Guy."

Free iPhone and Android app allows you to shop at Target, Starbucks, Amazon, and Walmart with 20% of purchase made to Optimist club. Download the app and select the Sunrise Optimist Club as your beneficiary. www.benefit-mobile.com.

Looking Ahead:

December 26: Chad Parks, author & Shawnee Heights wrestling coach

Drawings this week:

Weekly: Steve Schiffelbein

Progressive: #81 Gary Slimmer

President's Quote:

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."
Hamilton Wright Mabie

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