

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

President Dennis Reedy called the meeting to order at 6:47 AM with 25 members and guests in attendance.

Al Ferrell gave the invocation.

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Birthdays:** No members are celebrating a birthday this week but, guest speaker Joe Zima, announced that he is celebrating a birthday this Thursday, December 22nd so the Sunrise chorus sang their rendition of "Happy Birthday".

**Guests:** Alan Rose's grandson Brody was back for another visit.

**Christmas trees – GUESS WHAT NO TREES LEFT!** Vince Weber was not in attendance, he is taking a well deserved break after all the hard work at the tree lot since before Thanksgiving. So Lloyd Becker advised us that tear down, removing the trailer, hauling off the posts and clean up is all that is left to do. Plans are to do that this Wednesday or Thursday. Call Lloyd or Gary Domer if you can help with this task. It looks like we will have receipts over disbursements of a little over \$6,000. Great job everyone!

The Club shared a special Thank You to Bruce & Linda Lanning for preparing a delicious breakfast all year long!

**December 20<sup>th</sup>:** WIBW Movie critic Joe Zima, who started as a movie critic in 1986 was on hand to present his Top 10 list of movies

with a Christmas theme. His research indicated that there are nearly 300 movies from 1901 through 2016 with a Christmas theme. Here is his Top 10:

- #10 - Elf, 2003, starring Will Ferrell
- #9 - The Bishop's Wife, 1947, starring Cary Grant & Loretta Young, a later remake was titled The Preacher's Wife
- #8 - The Santa Clause, 1994, starring Tim Allen
- #7 - Jingle All The Way, 1996, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger
- #6 - Christmas Vacation, 1989, starring Chevy Chase
- #5 - How the Grinch Stole Christmas, 2000, starring Jim Carey in a 1957 Dr. Seuss children's story
- #4 - It's A Wonderful Life, 1946, a Frank Capra film starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed
- #3 - Miracle on 34th Street, 1947, starring Edmund Gwenn, Maureen O'Hara, Natalie Wood
- #2 - A Christmas Story, 1983, Ralphie wants a Red Ryder BB rifle
- #1 - A Christmas Carol, 1951, starring Alastair Simm, in the 1843 Charles Dickens classic

**December 27<sup>th</sup>:** Dr Jim Walsh, Founder and Owner of Aspire Rehab.

**Drawings this week:**

**Tickets –** Number 44 was drawn and Bruce Lanning was the "big" winner!

**Progressive –** Gary Slimmer

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