

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

We are on the worldwide web: [www.sunriseoptimist.org](http://www.sunriseoptimist.org)

**President Dave Ireland** opened the meeting this morning at 6:45. There were about 33 in attendance this morning.

**Richard Sundermeyer** gave the invocation and **Judy Ditch** led the flag salute.

**Dan Lill** introduced his son, **Jet** this morning.

Our newest member is **Gary Starr**. Gary and his wife, Julie, live at 5991 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Grantville. They have 3 children, Michael, Emily, and Aaron. Gary is a financial advisor at Edward Jones in Hunters Ridge. Gary also owns and operates Gary's Berries. **Linda Lanning** sponsored Gary. Welcome to the club, Gary.

Members having birthdays this week are **Wes Wooten, Ed Thornburgh and Judy Ditch**. The choir sang and was pretty good, but not as good as last week.

Last Saturday afternoon, about 40 children attended the children's Optimist Christmas party. The Christmas tree and the hall had been decorated and looked very festive. Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived about 1:15, courtesy of **Gary Slimmer's** Buick Convertible and escorted by the Shawnee County Sheriff's Dept. There were treats, hot chocolate, games to play, prizes to win and etc. Of course they all got to visit with Santa and get their picture taken. Everyone had a good time. Thanks to **Shelly Duffey, Jan & Dennis Richter, Daniel Richter and friends, Marvin & Mary Smith, Linda Lanning, Dave & Karen Ireland & Gary Domer** There were several teenagers that helped also. Two granddaughters of member **Kenny Ralph, Kalee & Kelsi**, and a friend of theirs. **Ben and Joey Hentzler**, and **Reed McManaman** also helped out.

**Lloyd Becker and Kieth Bodine** announced that our tree lot has 31 trees left and they expect to shut down this afternoon. The lot will be torn down Saturday afternoon. Help will be needed. Thanks to **Dave Jackson** for helping sale of trees via credit cards.

The breakfast group showed their appreciation to Bruce & Linda Lanning, for preparing the breakfast all year long, by taking up a collection. Thanks Bruce & Linda.

The pot winner this morning was **Maurice Minihan** and the progressive pot would have been taken home by **Keith Sowards**, but he was not here.

The program for next week will be Karl Soudek, owner of Critter Capture. Karl is also a custodian at East Indianola.

This weeks program was "Keep the Flag to the Front" presented by Bill McFarland. This is a story about the 8<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry. Bill's interest in the Civil War is due to a family legend that a family ancestor founded Gettysburg.

The story is based around the town of Indianola. The 8<sup>th</sup> Kansas Infantry was raised in eastern Kansas, as a form of the National Guard.

Be sure to purchase this book as it will be interesting reading.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.**

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**Meetings: Every  
Tuesday 6:45 AM  
720 NW 50<sup>th</sup> St, Topeka**