

HIGHLIGHTS

Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

We are on the worldwide web: www.sunriseoptimist.org

Dave Ireland substituted for President Maginot and opened the meeting at 6:45 AM.

Gary Starr gave the invocation.

Kit Kelley led us in the flag salute.

The weekly drawing was won by **Don Pekral** **Judy Ditch** won the progressive pot - the pot grows. The 50-50 drawing is next week.

Guests- Joe Proehl (Barb Slimmer's cousin), **David Pekral** (Don's son), and **Cody Kelley** (Kit's son) It was David's birthday so we "sang"

We received a "Thank You" note from **Linda and Bruce Lanning** for the recognition last week.

Kieth Bodine- "The Christmas Tree sales was not a financial success, but 35 members helped."

Next Monday the **NOTOMA** meeting will feature Anita Wolgast speaking about the North Topeka Arts District project. We meet at 7 PM at Garfield.

The program was presented by **Madan Rattan** on the the North Topeka Holiday Inn Express. Madan is "Bringing back the old Holiday Inn Glory" to North Topeka. It is 80% complete. Next is the pouring of the concrete for the parking lot. He plans to open the end of February. It is 4 stories high, has 81 rooms, an indoor pool, state-of-the-arts fitness center, 83 person capacity meeting room, and two retail food chains (barbeque and Quismo's). Madan told his very inspirational personal story of why and how he came to Topeka from Canada to get into the motel business. It is a wonderful tale of persistence, positive thinking, and optimism. He will manage the motel himself. The motel will have at least 15 employees. The entire development will have around 100 employees. Madan's optimism is contagious and he expects that this will spur more high quality business development in North Topeka. The Sunrise Optimist Club met at that location when it began. We are invited to have a meeting there after it opens. A sign-up sheet was circulated to be personally invited to the Grand Opening. Madan Rattan demonstrates Optimism at its best!!


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

Future Programs:

Jan. 5th - Seaman basketball program by coaches **Larry Latimer and Steve Alexander**

Jan. 12- **Joe Zima**, retired Topeka USD 501 attorney and movie critic. Seaman Student of the Month.

Jan. 19th – **Mitch Weber** News Anchor, KTSB Channel 27.

Jan. 26th – **Julie Prideaux**, Midland Hospice.

Are You A Builder Or Tearer?

-author unknown

I saw a group of men in my home *town*,
I saw a group of men tearing a building *down*.
With a heave and a ho and a mighty *yell*,
They swung a beam and the side wall *fell*.
And I asked their foreman, are these men *skilled*,
The kind you'd hire if you wanted to *build*?
He laughed and said "why no *indeed*,
Common labor is all I *need*.
For I can tear down in a day or *two*,
What it took a builder 10 years to *do*."
And I thought to myself as I walked *away*,
Which of these roles do I want to *play*?
Am I the type that constantly tears *down*,
As I make my way aimlessly *around*?
Or am I the type that tries to build with *care*,
In hopes that my community, family, and students,
were glad I was *there*?

Prevention- John Malins

So the people said something would have to be done, but their projects did not *tally*;
Some said, "put a fence 'round the edge of the cliff," some, "an ambulance down in the *valley*."
Better guide well the young than reclaim them when old, for the voice of true wisdom is *calling*,
"to rescue the fallen is good, but 'tis best to prevent other people from *falling*."
Better close up the source of temptation and crime, than deliver from dungeon or *galley*;
better put up a strong fence 'round the top of the cliff, than an ambulance down in the *valley*.

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