

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Newsletter of the Sunrise Optimist Club

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

Judge Frank Yeoman called the meeting to order.

Dan Lill led the invocation.  
Ed Albert led the Flag Salute.

Dan Lill and Steve Schifflbein had a birthday . We "Sang."

Plan to help with the pancake feed this Saturday. We have two shifts available to work.

Also, on Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Made from the Heart" Holiday Craft Fair will be held at our activity center. Set-up time will be this from 2-8 PM. We need help on Friday setting up. The North Topeka craft tour this weekend consists of Garfield park, Shawnee North Community center, and Sunrise Optimist Building.

We need everyone to get out and help with these two projects! Thanks.

The time for our annual Christmas tree sales is just around the corner. We will have 150 trees. A signup sheet will be circulated soon. Plan to help with this project. It will be at the same location.

Annual dues statements have been sent out. Please either bring these to the meeting and give them to Charlie Galligher, or send them to him.

Seaman Principal, Ron Vinduska, Introduced the "Student of the Month" Stevy Stauffer. She is an honor student, Student Council president, and marching band member. She worked as a lifeguard during the summer. She introduced her mom.

Program- Tom Mach, Author of the book, "Angels at Sunset."  
Future Programs-  
Next week- Joe Zima, Retired USD 501 attorney and movie critic.  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>- Don Welborn, cowboy poet.

Progress Sometimes Involves Temporary Discomfort  
By Charles D. Sodergren November 6, 2012

The citizens complained that North Topeka boulevard was rutted, *lumpy*, and *bumpy*,  
The "Saints" and "Santa Clause type" folks in the Northland were becoming grouchy and *grumpy*.  
Pools of dirty water gathered in deep pot-holes when it *rained*,  
"The City Council must repair our thoroughfare!!" the people adamantly *complained*  
Citizen input was gathered and a comprehensive architectural replacement plan was *prepared*,  
"The people will surely be happy with this improvement," the mayor *declared*.  
When construction finally began, the North Topeka community in unison *cheered*,  
It was as if an irritating hurdle had at long last been conquered and *cleared*.  
But the project seemed to boulevard business owners to take far too *long*,  
Us common folks lost our patience and we were soon singing a more critical *song*.  
"The lack of traffic has ruined my business" some were heard to *say*  
What in the world has caused such a long *delay!!*"  
The residents began in unison to both mutter and *shout--*  
"I'm sick and tired of driving on the much slower detour *route!*"  
Temporary discomfort most often comes with any kind of long range *progress*,  
When the road is finally fixed we'll revert back to other concerns- This is my speculation and *guess*.  
Like all of the traffic that is the result of our NOTO and "Bring Business to North Topeka" campaign *success*

Frank Yeoman won the 50/50 drawing.  
Ed Albert won the ticket drawing.  
Doug George won the progressive drawing

Kit Kelley reported on the District meeting which was held in Olathe. Our club won the "Top Banana" prize and a traveling trophy. We helped with a quilt for the Children's Cancer fund. We were presented a beautiful picture for donating to the Optimist Foundation.

Rolf Chappell needs help with the concession stand which we will run during the craft fair in our building.

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