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#### Dane Schnake, RPHS Theater

It sounds like the Ray-Pec High School Theater Department is indeed having a busy and exciting week with six performances of "Noises Off," featuring both Upper Classman and Lower Classman casts. The new Performing Arts Center will surely be filled with proud parents, families, and friends. With performances running from Wednesday through Sunday evening, it's a great opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy the show. Tickets are reasonably priced at \$7, making it accessible for everyone to attend.

The next two meetings we will give members an opportunity to provide financial assistance for four students who are struggling to raise \$800 each to travel with their class to Carnegie Hall this summer. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students, and any support would be greatly appreciated.



Dane Schnake pictured with Mike Sanders receiving a check for RPHS Theater and Drama Department

## THE OPTIMIST CREED

### Promise Yourself

To be **SO STRONG** that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk **health, happiness and prosperity** to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that **THERE IS SOMETHING IN THEM.**

To look at the **sunny side** of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to **work** only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the **success** of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the **GREATER ACHIEVEMENTS** of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance **at all times** and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have **NO TIME TO CRITICIZE OTHERS.**

To be too large for worry, to noble for anger, to strong for fear and **too happy** to permit the presence of trouble.

## Upcoming Meetings & Events

### You will see your Optimist friends at these events!

- February 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> : WEMO District Conference in Sedalia
- February 11th: Doubling up on Students of the Month for January and February **6:30am**
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- February 18th: Heart N Hand Sam Newby; **6:30am**
- **February 24<sup>th</sup>: Oratorical Contest at RPHS 3:30pm!!!**
- February 25th: Peculiar Winery **6-8pm**; 4H and Youth Court
- February 26<sup>th</sup>: Members are supporting the Lions Club Chilli Cookoff at the High Blue Wellness Center in Belton. Individuals can participate in judging the Chilli entries. Proceeds are going toward RayPec and Belton School Districts Nutritional Programs.
- **April 27<sup>th</sup>: 6pm Excellence in Education Banquet!**

## Claudia Rodriguez – BSA Scouts!

Claudia shared some exciting news about the Boy Scouts of America programs! It's great to hear that there are separate but joint opportunities for both boys and girls, and that Eagle Scouts are no longer just for guys. It's impressive that out of the 26 girls in the troop, 10 have achieved Eagle Scout status! Scouts from various areas in the KC Metro, including North Kansas City, Adrian, and Overland Park, are participating.

The variety of activities available to Scouts, such as plumbing and archery, must be very engaging for them. It's also good to know that the troops meet at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Raymore. This sounds like a wonderful program for young people to develop skills and have fun!

Mike Sanders pictured with Claudia Rodriguez Boy Scouts of America

