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#### **17 MEMBERS' PRESENT**

Janet Aliano, Rob Arner, Connie Circo, Tom Circo, Pete Kerckhoff, Renee Kerckhoff, Jim Kopetsky, Frank Jiminez, Alan Klein, Ed Lust, Tom O'Connor, Joe O'Neal, Ed Russell, Mike Sanders, Richard Sanders, Kris Turnbow, Denise Woolf

### SAFE

Jan Zimmerman with the Kansas City Crime Commission gave members a moving presentation of the Surviving Spouse and Family

Endowment Fund (SAFE). Within 24 to 48 hours the survivors of a first responder killed in active line of duty are presented a check for \$40,000. In addition, McGilley Funerals provide free burial and services for the fallen responder.

The largest fund raising event for SAFE is the Guns N Hoses Boxing Event is June 7<sup>th</sup> at Municipal Auditorium. This year 106 first responders are training to be selected for the few that will face off at this event. Details can be found at

the Kansas City Crime Commission or by scanning the QR Code on the image below.





# 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 happ**y to permit the presence of trouble.

# **Upcoming Meetings & Events**

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

- March 11<sup>th</sup>: Heart N Hand, 6:30am
- March 18<sup>th</sup>: Students of the Month, International Exchange Student: Gio Dominguez, IHOP 6:30am
- April 1<sup>st</sup>: Winners of the Oratorical and Essay Contests 6:30am
- April 27th: Excellence in Education Banquet! High School Patio Commons
  6pm

# It's Fat Tuesday!

At least one member came with the right priority this morning. Joe O'Neal drew a chuckle decked out in Fat Tuesday wear Tuesday morning. While other members found a free stack of pancakes a greater priority. It may be 6:30 in the morning, but members just wanna have fun! I hope you will join us for breakfast one day soon!



What did you do to benefit Youth this week?

- Oratorical contest was held chaired by Joe O'Neal with support from Mike Sanders, Shari Sanders, Jim Kopetsky, Alan Klein and Tom Circo.
- Denise and Mike gathered up student signatures and originals forwarding official winner packets to Oratorical and Essay District Level contests.
- Joe helped judge and evaluate 80 applicants for National Honor Society
- Tom O'Connor thankful for the Internship program at LEAD center.

We would love to hear about your involvement with the youth in your communities!



Coming April 1<sup>st</sup> Oratorical and Essay Contest Winners will read their winning essay and speech. Pictured above: Elly Dillon, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Essay