



# Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Newsletter

For Tuesday, September 29, 2009

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Silent Auction

Kim and Sharen have sent 200 letters to potential auction sponsors. The names have been divided between members to contact. The auction committee needs your help! Anyone willing to make calls and/or donate items, please contact Sharen. The Pancake Feed and Silent Auction will be held November 7th.

### International Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 7th is International Walk to School Day. LBO will be assisting New York elementary with a bike safety check. If you are interested in helping on Wednesday, October 7th from 7:30am-9:30am, contact Bob Burkhart.

### Topeka Sunrise Club

Jane Harris and Mike Penny visited the Topeka Sunrise Club. Mike was honored as a past president.



*THANK YOU JANE!!  
For your dedicated service as  
Lawrence Breakfast Optimist President!*

## THE PROGRAM



## The Shelter, Inc.

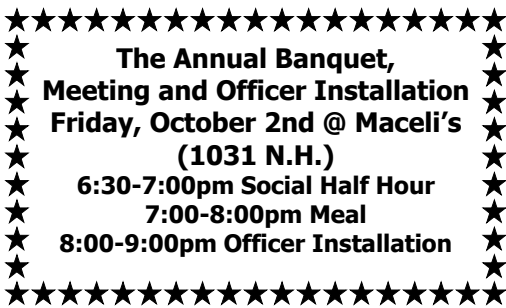
Tuesday's program was provided by Jeremy Warren, Juvenile Intake and Assessment Program Supervisor with The Shelter, Inc of Lawrence. The Shelter is a non-profit agency that assists families and youth.

The Shelter provides several different programs to the community. The residential program provides emergency residential care for children. Children are brought to the emergency shelters for a variety of reasons, but most often those are as a result of law enforcement and/or court action. The Shelter has two emergency shelters. The shelters house youth 10-18 years old. One of the residential shelter house only boys and the other shelter house is co-ed and house girls and younger boys. The facilities are staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The staff practices peaceful interventions with a hands off approach. The average stay for a resident is 28 days but residents can stay as many as 90 days. Last year The Shelter served 400 youth in its residential facilities. The second program that The Shelter offers is juvenile intake and assessment. The Shelter provides staff 24 hours a day to law enforcement officers to assist with any juvenile case. The juvenile intake and assessment program is a state mandated program and there are 32 programs across the state of Kansas. Once a juvenile is brought in, staff assess the situation and determines the best course of action for the youth. The course of action varies and can

be anything from finding an alternative placement to referrals to community resources. The intake program also offers a pre-filing diversion program for first-time and low-level offenders, to give them a chance to avoid further involvement with the court system.

The third program The Shelter offers is foster care services. The Shelter provided foster parent training, preparation for licensing, placement coordination, and on-going support. They also offer adoption services for parents whose parental rights have been terminated as a result of court action due to abuse, neglect or abandonment.

The Shelter receives funding from several different sources through the state and local level. Each year The Shelter hosts a fundraiser called The Festival of Trees. The festival is held during the holiday season and is the primary fundraising event for The Shelter. People from the community decorate Christmas trees of all shapes and sizes and donate them to The Shelter. The festival kicks off with designated times for the community to tour the trees and at the end of the festival the trees are auctioned off to individuals or businesses to display at a place of their choosing. All the proceeds raised from the Festival of Trees benefit the youth served by The Shelter. For more information about the festival or The Shelter in general visit [www.theshelterinc.org](http://www.theshelterinc.org).

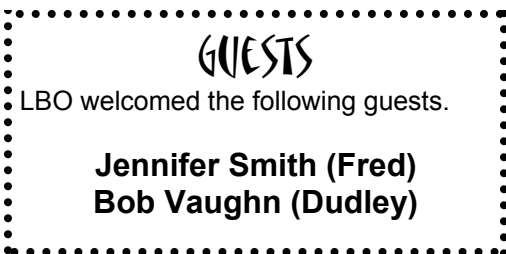


**The Annual Banquet,  
Meeting and Officer Installation  
Friday, October 2nd @ Maceli's  
(1031 N.H.)  
6:30-7:00pm Social Half Hour  
7:00-8:00pm Meal  
8:00-9:00pm Officer Installation**

And the Winner is.....  
Handshake- Dudley Crow  
Basket- Gary Fischer



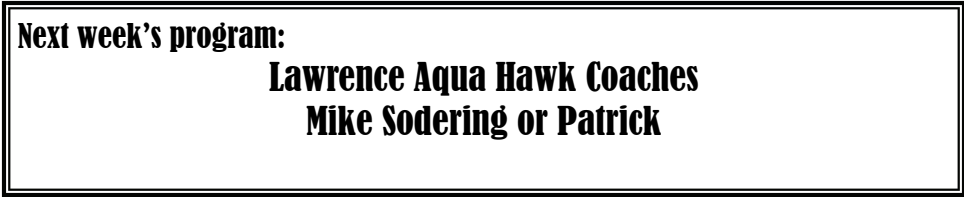
**WELCOME  
NEW FRIEND OF OPTIMIST MEMBER  
Shade Little**



## GUESTS

LBO welcomed the following guests.

**Jennifer Smith (Fred)  
Bob Vaughn (Dudley)**



### Next week's program:

**Lawrence Aqua Hawk Coaches  
Mike Sodering or Patrick**

If there is something you would like to see added to the newsletter or have suggestions please contact Erika Zimmerman at [ezimmerman@sunflower.com](mailto:ezimmerman@sunflower.com) or (785) 423-1864.