



Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Newsletter

For Tuesday, September 1, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Tree Committee Meeting

Ernie Dyer will email the committee with time and location for the next meeting.

Dictionary Project

Tom Mach needs everyone to contact the principals of their assigned schools. Rosters need to be turned in to Tom no later than September 10th.

Receipts

Continue to bring in your HyVee receipts. Continue to collect box tops, Checker's receipts and soup labels for New York.

Coffee & Cereal

Every second Tuesday of the month is coffee and cereal collection for the shelter. Round up some Cherios and bring them to breakfast on Tuesday!

GUESTS

LBO welcomed the following guests.

Jim Cooper (Dwight)
Don Chapin (Gary)
Dick Perry (Ernie)

Don't Forget

**The Annual Banquet,
Meeting and Officer Installation**

Friday, October 2nd

At Maceli's (1031 New Hampshire)

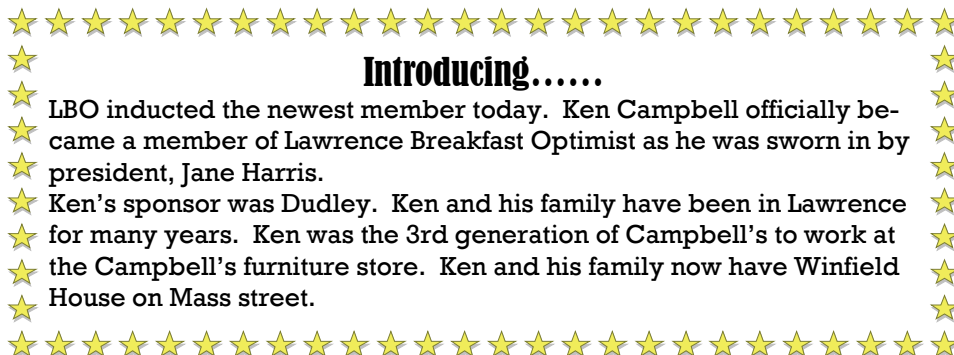
6:30-7:00pm Social Hour

7:00-8:00pm Meal

8:00-9:00pm Officer Installation

\$27.50 per person

SIGN UP TODAY!



Introducing.....

LBO inducted the newest member today. Ken Campbell officially became a member of Lawrence Breakfast Optimist as he was sworn in by president, Jane Harris. Ken's sponsor was Dudley. Ken and his family have been in Lawrence for many years. Ken was the 3rd generation of Campbell's to work at the Campbell's furniture store. Ken and his family now have Winfield House on Mass street.

THE PROGRAM

Homelessness in Lawrence has recently made many headlines in the Lawrence Journal World. This morning's guest speaker is familiar with the homelessness issues in Lawrence.

Joe Reitz, with Family Promise of Lawrence provided insight into the program that assists families that have lost their homes and their livelihood. Family Promise of Lawrence transforms the lives of youth just as the Optimist do. Family Promise is a non profit organization that works with homeless families with children. The program offers shelter, food, transportation, training, counseling, medical care and other assistance for families and their children.

Faith congregations across Lawrence have joined in partnership with Family Promise to provide shelter for the families to stay the night. During the day families spend time in a house working with the director to identify the reasons that the family is in their current situation and to work toward



solutions that will get them out of the current state of homelessness. Currently 13 churches in Lawrence serve as hosts for the families. The host churches also provide volunteers to assist the families and children during their stay at the church. Volunteers offer care and compassion and give the families some one to talk with and share with.

Family Promise provides a safe, homelike atmosphere for families to work on skills and secure resources for their future.

Family Promise does not accept any government or United Way funds. Family Promise is hosting a golf tournament and auction on Sunday, September 20th and Monday, September 21. For more information visit www.lawrencefamilypromise.org.

Next week's program:

**Bob Sanner, Director, Sports Markets
Lawrence Convention & Visitors Bureau**

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