



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

2004-2005: *I Believe!*

Iowa District, Zone 3 -- *Leaping Above Expectations*

Iowa District Governor Dennis McGregor

Club Officers for 2004-2005	Club Number 40-109
President	Jeff Jorgensen 487-3355
V. Pres., Pres. Elect	Jon Jacobsen 487-3193
V. Pres.	Gary Gutttau 487-3248
Secretary	Teresa Fahrenkrug 487-3342
Treasurer	Richard Vorthmann 487-3342
Past President	Jerry Hempel 566-9479

Board Members	
<u>2003-2005</u>	<u>2004-2006</u>
Kathy Schmitt	Steve Irvin
John Schmitt	Arlyn Norris
Gene Grell	Denny White



F October 6, 2004

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning October 9, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. Mike Abbott has arranged for John von Fuerstenberg to speak about early aviation in Omaha. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

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REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the last Club meeting there were 23 members present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to THERESA FAHRENKRUG, but she couldn't collect. The 50/50 was awarded to LARRY KRAMER.

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Pres. JERRY added a couple of dollars to the Youth Fund in recognition of his son's two touchdowns at the last Treynor high football game. JIM CLAUSEN added a dollar for his son's contributions also. Pres. JERRY asked for a quarter from all members using styrofoam cups. That caught several members off guard.

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Pres. JERRY presented to JEFF JORGENSEN a certificate recognizing him as Optimist of the 3rd Quarter for his new efforts at fund raising through auctions and garage sales.

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JEFF J. announced that the Cub Scouts are in need of an adult leader. As our Club sponsors the Cub Scouts, we have an obligation to find leadership for the group. Call Jeff if you have some ideas to resolve the situation.

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Pres. JERRY noted that tee shirt sales are being conducted by the Honor Band group to earn funds for the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl trip this winter. Natalie Bohlken is in charge (487-3756).

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Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, LES and MILLI HARVEY, LARRY, and KEVIN, JERYL, and MARSHA UNDERWOOD for helping at the Can Kennel last week.

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At the 20th Anniversary Dinner on Oct 3, Lt. Governor Lucy Hough installed officers for the current Optimist year. The new club officers are: President-Jeff Jorgensen, Vice President and President Elect-Jon Jacobsen, Vice President-Gary Gutttau, Past President-Jerry Hempel, Secretary-Theresa Fahrenkrug, Treasurer-Richard Vorthmann, and Board of Directors- Gene Grell, Steve Irvin, Arlyn Norris, Kathy Schmitt, John Schmitt, and Denny White.

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LOST

Recent efforts have not located several Club items, so a call is being sent out to find them. The flashlights with orange cones used for directing cars to parking spaces are missing. Also the large vinyl banners last used at the Treynor Days Parade this past summer are missing.

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P.S. Before going to Europe on a business trip, a man drove his Rolls-Royce to a downtown New York City Bank and went in to ask for an immediate loan of \$5000. The loan officer, taken aback, requested collateral. The man said, "Well then, here are the keys to my Rolls-Royce." The loan officer promptly had the car driven into the Bank's underground parking for safe keeping, and gave the man \$5000. Two weeks later, the man walked through the bank's doors and asked to settle up his loan and get his car back. "That is \$5000 in principle and \$15.40 in interest." The loan officer said. The man wrote out a check and started to walk away. "Wait sir," the loan officer said, "while you were gone, I found out you were a millionaire. Why in the world would you need to borrow \$5000?" The man smiled. "Where else could I park my Rolls-Royce in Manhattan safely for two weeks and pay only \$15.40?"

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Please check closets, cupboards, and cabinets so we can locate the items.

THE SWEETEST PLACE ON EARTH

MIKE ABBOTT spoke to Club members about a recent visit to Hershey, Pennsylvania where he discovered the legacy of Milton Hershey. MIKE noted that the story of Hershey is a great example of the 'American Dream' where a man of humble origins with a grand dream can rise to be a notable contributor to society. Mr. Hershey, born in 1857, learned to make candy as an apprentice and developed a dream of making chocolate affordable to everyone. At that time chocolate was made at small factories in Europe mainly for the wealthy because it was so expensive. Mr. Hershey failed three times at candy making before success in making caramels. He sold that business for a million dollars in 1900! MIKE explained that with these funds Mr. Hershey was able to perfect his milk chocolate recipe and five years later he was producing Hershey chocolate. By using imported German machinery and inventing additional machines, Mr. Hershey applied mass production principles to chocolate making. Thus he was able to achieve his early dream of making affordable chocolate. To provide for workers at his plant situated in the remote dairy farm country in Pennsylvania, Mr. Hershey began building a town near the plant and trolley lines to neighboring towns. He also build a boarding school to train orphans and the poor for work at his plant. During the depression of the 1930's there was no recession at the Hershey plant. Mr. Hershey used out-of-work men to build hotels, parks, and other infrastructure for his town, Hershey, Pennsylvania. Today, the main Hershey Plant there is the largest chocolate plant in the world. That is why this is the 'sweetest place on earth.'

CALENDAR

October and November Can Collections for Honor Band

- Oct. 9 Club meeting, program by John von Fuerstenburg.
- Oct. 9 1st Quarter Iowa District Optimist Conference, Des Moines.
- Oct. 13 Can and bottle sorting.
- Oct. 15 Football game gate collection.
- Oct. 16 Club meeting, program by Michaela Abbott.
- Oct. 23 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Oct. 27 Can and bottle sorting.
- Oct. 29 Football game gate collection.
- Oct. 30 Club meeting, program by John Parsons

Birthdays

- 10/17 MARSHA UNDERWOOD
- 10/29 BILL VORTHMANN

Anniversaries

- 10/5 TIM LARSEN
- # recognized to date