



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

2004-2005: *I Believe!* ----- *Leaping Above Expectations*

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

F The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 15, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU, MICK GUTTAU, and JON JACOBSEN will be speaking about their trip to Washington, DC last month. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

R At the Club meeting on 1/8 there were 26 members and two guests present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to BILL VORTHMANN, but he couldn't collect. GEORGE SCHNEIDER won the 50/50 drawing.

The attendance of Bill Bonar was recognized. Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from Pres. JEFF for the recent birthday of GENE GRELL. (GENE answered the Presidents Challenge question correctly.) JERRY HEMPEL also added a dollar in recognition of the Treynor high school basketball team accomplishments.

E STEVE IRVIN noted that MILLI HARVEY fell at the high school while entering for the basketball game Friday evening. She broke a hip, which will keep her confined for a while. Fellow Club members wish her a speedy recovery.

Thanks to BOB HIBBARD, LARRY KRAMER, and RICHARD for taking decorations down from the community Christmas tree.

Thanks also to Pres. JEFF, RICHARD, LARRY, JOHN KLEIN, and LES and MILLI HARVEY for assisting at the last can and bottle sorting. The next sorting is on the 12th at 6 p.m.

N Pres. JEFF announced the meeting of Zone 3 Optimist Clubs would be in Treynor at Zion church on the 12th at 7 p.m. He appointed LARRY to coordinate preparations of a light supper for attendees. All club members are welcome, especially Board members and officers. Impact of the new club bylaw changes is the main agenda item.

D JUDY GUTTAU noted there were just three months open on the Club meeting speaker coordinators list for the year. Let her know if you can help line up more of our interesting programs.

Pres. JEFF circulated a thank-you card from Kim Bruning, representing the Omaha Gomez Heritage Elementary School PTA. They were very appreciative of the materials provided to students from remaining OTC donations last year.

O JOHN K. announced that Arbor Day plans for the elementary school for 2005 were being developed for preparation of grant applications.

F LARRY reported on attendance at the recent Treynor City Council meeting. Several agenda items relating to our Club were discussed. The Council approved the concept of improving the Can Kennel facility as long as it is not attached to city property and can be moved if necessary. They also agreed to provide electrical service for lighting. The Council declined our request for a Club display case in the Community Center. Instead they deferred the request to the Legion regarding possible placement in the Cardinal room. The Council is forming a temporary committee to sift through bids for the new East

Park playground by March 1. A couple of Club members will be asked to participate. The Council proposed that all community groups using the Community Center for meetings and activities conduct fund raising activities to provide for the operational expenses of the facility.

Pres. JEFF auctioned a couple of items to spirited bidding. JOHN K donated a Union Pacific 2005 calendar, and Pres. JEFF donated a Christmas basket with a mystery envelope that turned out to be a gift certificate from The Rose restaurant.

Pres. JEFF postponed the Club Board meeting until after the Club meeting next Saturday the 15th.

IF YOU BUILD ROADS, THEY WILL COME

Tom Hanafan has been mayor of Council Bluffs (CB) for 16 years. During this period there has been a dramatic transition and improvement of infrastructure to facilitate growth, development, and living in and around CB. As a native he witnessed the zenith of rail commerce (1957) and of population (1969) in Council Bluffs. Mayor Hanafan noted that CB once ranked 5th in the world in rail commerce. The legacy of this was nearly 200 rail and street crossings in the city. Many have been eliminated and most are improved. The interstate roadways through CB were designed in the 60's and now carry more than the design traffic load. Mayor Hanafan stated that a new interstate roadway is planned but implementation is about 14 years away. He noted the 1% sales tax has contributed greatly to the funds for improving wastewater drainage, providing water service, and street upgrading throughout the city; and this is still ongoing. According to Mayor Hanafan about 70% of the city budget goes for public safety-something that cannot be postponed or set aside. Since 1991, Mayor Hanafan noted, the population of CB has been growing. A large, new 500-unit subdivision is in development. Also, there is a great deal of residential development in the county near CB. Thus, the CB area is now becoming a significant part of the Omaha area housing market. Mayor Hanafan said he has been part of a Lincoln-Omaha-CB regional planning group contemplating the status 50-yr in the future of the metro areas and a region within a 60-mile radius around. While the current population is about one million it is expected to double. Improvement of infrastructure will attract companies that provide jobs that will lead to population growth. Mayor Hanafan said he is proud of the accomplishments of CB during his term in office and the efforts are ongoing.

CALENDAR

January Can Collections for After-the-Prom

- Jan. 12 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 12 Zone 3 meeting, Zion Church, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 15 Club meeting, program by MICK, CHAD, and JON. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Jan. 22 Club meeting program by Rep. Steve King.
- Jan. 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 29 Club meeting, program by Dave Overholtzer, CPA.
- Jan. 30 Griswold Club 20th Anniversary

Birthdays

1/19 DENNIS WHITE, 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT

Anniversaries

(none) # recognized to date

Y p.s. I've been working on this ranch for eight years now," complained the hired hand to the ranch owner, "and I've been doing the work of three men. Now I want a raise."

O The rancher objected. "I can't give you a raise," he said. "But if you tell me who the other two men are, I'll fire 'em."

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