



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning February 26, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. There will be time for member reports, but the meeting will close early to allow attendance at St. Paul's Faith of Our Father's Breakfast. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETINGS

At the Club meeting on 2/12 there were 22 members and five guests present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge and the devotion prayer.

Special thanks to RICHARD, LuEtta and BILL VORTHMANN for serving a delicious sausage, gravy and biscuit breakfast.

Guests included LuEtta, Lillie Schneider, Julie Funkhouser, and Bill and Vernell Boner.

Birthday greetings were sung to RICHARD and to GARY FUNKHOUSER. For this they each paid a dollar to the Youth Fund. GERALD FORRISTALL also added a dollar in recognition of his wedding anniversary. MICK GUTTAU added a couple dollars to advertise the open house at Treynor State Bank, noting that they have five new employees and a remodeled lower level of the bank building.

GARY F. noted that there would be a can and bottle sorting on Wednesday with the Octagon Club at 6:20 p.m.

Pres. JEFF noted the Treynor City Council asked for a new contract for use of the Community Center for Club meetings and wanted to know the funding activities planned. There was a general consensus to conduct 50/50 sales and Bingo at Treynor Days as fund raising for the Community Center.

RICHARD announced the last chance for reservations to the Faith of Our Fathers Breakfast at St. Paul's.

At the Club meeting on 2/19 there were 22 members and two guests. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge and the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to CATHY SCHMITT. The attendance pot was awarded to STEVE CHAMBERS, but it was not collected.

Pres. JEFF noted the Endowment Box was empty, so he imposed a quarter fine on everyone using a styrofoam cup.

ARLYN NORRIS announced he was circulating the calendar signup sheet again for leading the opening devotion prayer at Club meetings.

JOHN KLEIN announced he had helped two Treynor school teachers complete grant requests for \$50 each from the Master Gardeners Program to be used for the Arbor Day project this Spring.

GARY F. announced there would be a meeting at City Hall Tuesday the 22nd at 6:30 p.m. to discuss Treynor Day plans.

CATHY S. announced the Bike Safety program would be held on May 12 after school.

GARY GUTTAU announced the Fishing Derby is scheduled during two days, April 30 and May 7.

LARRY KRAMER announced the Horse Show is scheduled on June 12. The location is yet to be determined.

LARRY reported the Can Kennel Facility committee met to review a revised plan and discuss potential grant funding sources. The plan will be presented to the Treynor City Council at their regular monthly meeting in March.

Pres. JEFF said he had a request from the Cub Scouts to join them to provide a concession at a consignment auction at Westfair in April. That will be discussed at the Board meeting.

Pres. JEFF auctioned for the Youth Fund a ham from Grandpa's Pork of Omaha and a \$10 gift certificate for Dave's BBQ of Council Bluffs and Omaha.

The Board meeting was called to order by Pres. JEFF with eight members plus two Club members present. Treas. RICHARD reported club assets of about \$8600 plus Endowment Fund of \$1338. The Can Kennel policies were reviewed. Abolishment of the withholding fee was approved with the provision that the accumulated reserve is used for Can Kennel improvement. The month of May was approved for Club use of the Can Kennel for scholarships. Cub Scout Pack funding was discussed as our Club is official sponsor of the Pack. \$450 was approved to support Pack activities in addition to \$150 previously approved. A contribution of \$100 was approved for Andrew Carper. Essay, Oratorical, and Youth Celebration expenses of \$109.45 were approved. Iowa District quarterly dues of \$144 were approved for payment. LARRY displayed the enlarged check format to be used for publicity photos when Can Kennel receipts are awarded.

CRUISING THE CANAL

GARY FUNKHOUSER spoke to Club members about the recent trip on the Oosterdam cruise ship that he and Julie went on from Florida through the Panama Canal to California. They were among 1800 passengers and 600 crew on the largest cruise ship that can navigate the canal. GARY explained that there was only 2 ft of space between the canal locks and each side of the ship. Locks, which operated with fresh water, are used to raise the ship from the ocean level about 80 ft to Gatun Lake, which is one of the worlds largest man made lakes. About 36 ships pass through the canal each day. GARY said their ship paid \$30,000 to use the canal. Much of the traffic is from containerized cargo ships going both ways. The canal has been operated by the Panamanian country since 2000 and is in a constant state of improvement to meet the traffic demand. Panama is a cruise destination with many tourist attractions in addition to the canal.

AN INTRODUCTION TO POLICY AND POLITICS

Treynor High School Junior Andrew Carper recently returned from a trip to Washington, DC where he attended the 2005 Presidential Classroom. Andrew said he joined about 300 other high school students from the U.S. and other countries to focus on Science, Technology, and Public Policy. The program was sponsored by Honeywell, Andrew noted, and was held on the campus of Georgetown University. With a smaller group of 40, Andrew stated, he attended lectures by prominent scientists, futurists, military leaders, and educators. The group also debated public policy issues from various points of view. Andrew said he was very grateful for the opportunity to participate in this program and thanked STEVE IRVIN for nominating him.

CALENDAR

February Can Collections for Octagon Club

Feb. 26 Club meeting.
Faith of Our Fathers Breakfast, St. Pauls, 8:30 a.m.

Mar. 2 Can and bottle sorting by Octagon Club.

Mar. 5 Club meeting, program TBA.

March Can Collections for St. Paul Youth

Birthdays

2/5 LARRY KRAMER#, 2/11 ROGER VORTHMANN
2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN#, 2/13 GARY FUNKHOUSER#

Anniversaries

2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL#, 2/6 JON JACOBSEN
2/23 DAN SCHNEPEL
recognized to date

P.S. There may not be much to see in a rural community, but what you hear makes up for it.

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