



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 October 16, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. Mike Abbott has arranged for Michaela Abbott to speak about her senior project "Celebrity Organ Donations." The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the last Club meeting there were 25 members and one guest present. LARRY KRAMER was attending the Iowa District Conference in Des Moines. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JOHN S. (Note the power of prayer.) The 50/50 was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER.

BILL VORTHMANN added a couple dollars to the Youth Fund for his birthday this month and anniversary last month. JERRY HEMPEL added a dollar in recognition of his son's football touchdowns. TERESA FAHRENKRUG also added a dollar in thanks for the immediate recovery of her father from heart bypass surgery.

Treynor High School sophomore Nicole Schmidt spoke to club members about her plans to join the People-to-People Organization as Youth Ambassador on a trip to Australia next June.

MIKE read a letter of thanks from the City of Treynor for our Club efforts at the Treynor Days Bingo fundraiser and for initiating efforts resulting in a grant for new youth playground equipment.

Mike noted that Kenneth Brundidge of Council Bluffs, who helped us in the arena at the horse show, sent a check for \$25 to put in our Youth Fund.

Pres. JEFF announced that more gate workers are needed for the upcoming home football game with Manning this Friday. Let GARY FUNKHOUSER know you can help.

Also, Wednesday the 13th is the next can and bottle sorting. A few Optimists are needed to assist the Honor Band group sort and sack starting at 6:30 p.m.

STEVE IRVIN announced a supper to raise funds for Dustin Bryant is planned before the upcoming football game.

Pres. JEFF thanked Past President JERRY for his successful year as president.

P.S. Five doctors went duck hunting one day: A GP, a pediatrician, a psychiatrist, a surgeon, and a pathologist. After a while a bird came winging overhead. The GP raised his shotgun but didn't shoot because he wasn't sure if it was a duck or not. The pediatrician also raised his gun, but wasn't sure if it was a male or female duck, so he didn't shoot. The psychiatrist raised his gun and then thought, "I know that is a duck, but does the duck know it's a duck?" The surgeon was the only one to get off a shot. BOOM!! He blew the duck away. Then he turned to the pathologist and said, "Go see if that was a duck."

At the Iowa District Optimist Conference in Des Moines, LARRY received from Past Governor Leon Wilkinson the award for the Best Club Bulletin of the Iowa District in 2003-2004. This is the third time this has been awarded to our Club.

IN THE SKY OVER OMAHA

John von Fuerstenberg of Omaha is from a family of aviators. His grandfather started Overland Aviation by building planes there. The members of his immediate family are all pilots. John explained he grew up living by the Omaha Municipal Airport and earned his pilot and driving licenses when he was sixteen. John said he has been a pilot instructor and plan mechanic. He is presently Executive Secretary of the Omaha Home for Boys. John said his sister, Debby Rihn Harvey, is the first woman pilot to fly Boeing 737 planes for Southwest Airlines. She is also an accomplished stunt pilot with the U.S.A. Stunt Team. John explained that Debby has the best record for competition stunt flying. She was a champion for seven years in a row. John noted that his sister has 25,000 hours of flying time plus 3,000 hours of stunt flying. The stunt plane that Debby pilots in air shows cost \$240,000 to purchase and \$100,000 annually to operate. She has sponsorships mainly from Hilton Hotels and Shell Oil. John showed video taken from her stunt plane during demonstration flights. After every 25-hr of flight the plane is taken apart to look for stress and wear. When it reaches the threshold of stress the plane is destroyed. John noted that Debby helps youth to become interested in aviation.

CALENDAR

October and November Can Collections for Honor Band

- Oct. 13 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 15 Football game gate collection, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Club meeting, program by Michaela Abbott.
- Oct. 23 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Oct. 27 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Football game gate collection, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Club meeting, program by John Parsons.
- Nov. 10 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

- 10/5 TIM LARSEN
- # recognized to date

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