



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

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning March 26, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. GARY GUTTAU has arranged for IA DNR official Dan Stipes to speak about environmental issues around the home and farm. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETINGS

At the Club meeting on 3/12 there were 21 members and 12 guests present. Eleven members of the Griswold Optimist Club were visiting. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER. The attendance pot was awarded to DAN SCHNEPEL, but it was not collected.

Thanks to GEORGE for providing breakfast sandwiches in recognition of his birthday. Of course he still contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund for the birthday greeting sung to him.

JOHN KLEIN announced plans for the Arbor Day tree planting with the 5th graders were being finalized. This activity is scheduled on Earth Day, April 22.

JOHN reported the Treynor City Council would allow only a 12 by 22-ft area for an improved Can Kennel facility at the present site. The committee will meet to discuss alternative plans.

At the Club meeting on 3/19 there were 24 members and three guests. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. KATHY SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. Guests included Jill Orr and Kim Juranek in addition to our invited speaker.

The 50/50 was awarded to RICHARD VORTHMANN. The attendance pot was awarded to MARSHA UNDERWOOD, but it was not collected.

A get-well card was circulated for BOB HIBBARD who is recovering from lung congestion.

GARY GUTTAU contributed a dollar to recognize his son CHAD as the recipient of the 2004 Campaign Volunteer award from the Pott. County Republican Committee.

Pres. JEFF circulated a thank-you card from the SW IA Honor Band members for the funds received for their trip to the Fiesta Bowl through the Can Kennel.

Pres. JEFF presented a check for \$600 to the Cub Scout Pack for their annual chartering fees and to provide resources for den activities. Cubmaster Jill Orr and Pack Committee Secretary, Kim Juranek accepted the check.

Thanks to Pres. JEFF, GARY G., CHAD, RICHARD, JOHN K., and GEORGE for assisting the St. Paul Youth with can and bottle sorting last week. The Can Kennel facility committee will meet Monday at RICHARD'S home.

JOHN K. stated plans for the Arbor Day project include planting 3 large trees on the elementary school grounds and 3 smaller trees on the high school parking lot. JOHN asked for help to determine the best plants to consider for a planting along the stone retaining wall at the elementary school.

Pres. JEFF noted the Board agreed to five \$300 scholarships for Treynor seniors this year.

LARRY KRAMER announced the upcoming Iowa District Optimist meeting when the Optimist International President Yves Berthiaume comes to visit Iowa on April 2. This is also a time of recognition of Optimist achievements during the previous Optimist Year. The dinner meeting will start with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. at

the Amana Holiday Inn near I-80. Let him know soon if you want reservations.

Pres. JEFF asked members to bring pencil and paper to the next meeting for a Treynor trivia quiz.

THE STRUGGLES OF KYRGYZSTAN

Roger Webster, owner of Treynor Ag Supply, recently spoke to Club members about a trip early this year to Kyrgyzstan. Roger made this two-week trip as a consultant to help producers there with agricultural management to enhance production. Since Kyrgyzstan broke away from the Soviet Union as an independent country, they have been struggling for political and economic stability. Roger noted there were over 5 million people of mostly Turkish origin living in an area about the size of S. Dakota on about the same latitude. Agricultural land is divided into small acreage tracts with the average farm size of 5 ac. Most of production is obtained by manual labor with outbenefit of machinery, hybrid seed, and agricultural chemicals, Roger stated. Crop residues are taken from fields and stored for cooking fuel and heat. Little bank credit is available for production supplies to put out a crop. Farm to market roads are poor and much of production is sold in open market conditions, Roger explained.

EXTENSION HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

Brad Richardson was recently appointed as the Extension Education Director at the West Pott. County Agriculture Extension District. Brad outlined the numerous extension programs based on information and facts derived from independent research to enhance the living conditions and life experiences of area citizens. According to Brad there are six major extension service areas—1) youth, 2) families, 3) teen parenting, 4) agriculture production, 5) community improvement, and 6) business and industry outreach. These service areas address traditional agricultural issues and also urban living issues, Brad noted. Details of the extension programs available to all can be perused on the web site--www.extension.iastate.edu/westpottawattamie/

CALENDAR

March Can Collections for St. Paul Youth

- Mar. 26 Club meeting, program by Dan Stipes, DNR-EPA.
- Mar. 30 Can and bottle sorting.

April Can Collections for Cub Scouts

- April 2 Club meeting, program by IA Senator Hubert Houser and Representative Gerald Jones.
- April 2 Optimist International President's Visit, Amana Holiday Inn, 5:30 p.m.
- April 9 Club meeting, program TBA.
Board meeting after the Club meeting.
- April 12 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High.
- April 13 Can and bottle sorting, 3:40 p.m.
- April 19 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High
- April 22 Arbor Day tree planting with 5th grade.
- April 26 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High
- April 27 Can and bottle sorting, 3:40 p.m.
- April 30 Fish Iowa
- May 1 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church
- May 3 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High
- May 7 Fish Derby

Birthdays

- 3/2 JERYL UNDERWOOD#, 3/2 WARD CHAMBERS
- 3/8 GEORGE SCHNEIDER#, 3/11 KENNETH GRAHAM
- 3/20 JON JACOBSEN

Anniversaries

- 3/4 GENE SERAN, 3/8 KEITH DENTON#
- 3/15 JEFF NELSON
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P.S. Some men are willing to split the blame for a failed marriage—half his wife's fault, and half her mother's fault.

