



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 April 16, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. JON JACOBSEN has arranged for Steve Cates to speak about "Cops to Congress". Invite a guest.

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REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 4/16 there were 25 members and 10 guests present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN WHITE led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to VIRGIL HOLST. The attendance pot was also awarded to VIRGIL, but he wasn't present at the last meeting and couldn't collect on the 'daily double.'

Thanks to the family of GEORGE SCHNEIDER for providing a super breakfast in honor of the 61st Anniversary of GEORGE and LILLIE.

BOB HIBBARD introduced Josh Gutttau as our newest Club member.

BILL VORTHMANN added a couple dollars to the Youth Fund to note the recognition of his mother-in-law Bonnie Bolte as the recipient of an Iowa Volunteers Award, and the selection of his niece Kelsey Bolte, a sophomore at Ida Grove HS, to the First Team of Western Iowa Basketball.

JIM CLAUSEN also added a dollar to recognize his son being on the Treynor High Honor Roll.

The wedding anniversaries of GEORGE and Lillie, and JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT were recognized.

Pres. JEFF also added to the Fund for being late to the meeting.

GARY FUNKHOUSER noted there were high school track meets at Treynor on Monday and Tuesday and Optimists were asked to help with the gate and parking.

LARRY KRAMER reported for JOHN KLEIN details for the Arbor Day project with the 5th grade students. Six trees will be planted Friday afternoon. Thursday evening the holes will be dug in preparation for the planting. Let JOHN know how you can help.

Thanks to LARRY, GARY GUTTAU, and RICHARD VORTHMANN for assisting the Cub Scouts with the last can and bottle sorting. A new bagging apparatus designed by RICHARD is performing very well. Pres. JEFF noted that based on discussions at the recent Board meeting, a different Club member would be assigned as coordinator for youth groups using the Can Kennel each month.

GARY F. reminded members about the upcoming Youth Appreciation Celebration on May 1 at Zion Church.

GARY G. described the activities planned for the Fish Iowa Day activities on April 30 and May 7. There are several ways to help with this project. The first session is for instruction and practice. The second session is a fishing derby at Lake Arrowhead. GARY needs to know how you can help as soon as possible.

KATHY announced the Bike Safety Day is scheduled on May 12 after school. She circulated a volunteer sign-up sheet for assignment of duties. Many are needed to handle all the stations.

Pres. JEFF asked for a volunteer to sell Newsletter advertisements. Let him know of your interest.

FOR PUNISHMENT AND DETERRENCE

Pottawattamie County Attorney Matt Wilber spoke to Club members and guests about recent criminal activities in the news involving his office and staff. There are continuing consequences of methamphetamine misuse in the area, Matt explained, that results in brain damage which leads to irrational and violent behavior often directed toward law officers as well as family members and friends. Iowa now has the toughest state law to control pseudoephedrin sale and misuse for manufacture of methamphetamine, but surrounding states need similar laws to prevent a border effect. While a lot of law enforcement resources are used to battle local methamphetamine production, Matt noted that eighty percent of it is brought into Iowa. According to Matt his staff has about 200 misdemeanor cases and 100 criminal cases on file. During the past two years in office Matt has been involved as prosecutor for three criminal cases that went to trial, and each won a conviction against the accused. Matt stated he wants to be sure the evidence is sufficient that a conviction is assured. Thus punishment is affected for the crime committed. And a successful prosecution is a deterrence to prevent other similar criminal activity by others.

CALENDAR

April Can Collections for Cub Scouts

- April 19 Babysitting/child care clinic, 2nd session.
- April 21 Arbor Day preparation, 7 p.m.
- April 22 Arbor Day tree planting with 5th grade, 1 p.m.
- April 23 Club meeting program by Steve Cates.
- April 23 Highway Cleanup with Octagon Club, 9 a.m.
- April 26 Babysitting/child care clinic, 3rd session.
- April 27 Can and bottle sorting, 1:45 p.m.
- April 30 Club Meeting, program by Dale Robertson, Iowa District O.I. Foundation Chair.
- April 30 Prom Brunch, High School, 11 a.m.
- April 30 Fish Iowa, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May Can Collections for Club Scholarships

- May 1 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church, 2 p.m.
- May 3 Babysitting/child care clinic, final session.
- May 7 Fish Derby at Lake Arrowhead, leave Treynor, 8:15 a.m.
- May 12 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays

- 4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS, 4/28 GENE SERAN
- 4/29 MIKE ABBOTT, 4/30 BILL MATTHEW

Anniversaries

- 4/4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT#, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN#
- 4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER#, 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG#
- # recognized to date

P.S. Farmer Burt suddenly died and appeared at St. Peter's Pearly Gates when the saint asked him if he wished to enter Heaven. After Burt said that he did indeed, St. Peter said, "Then you must suffer a bit more before I can allow you to enter, for you life as a farmer was not exactly immaculate. You must spend one month with the ugliest, stupidest woman on earth." "What?" Burt replied. "I don't know about this, let me think it over. Just then, Burt saw Dick, his hometown's mayor, floating on a cloud with a gorgeous blonde. "Hey," Burt called to St. Peter, "that's not fair. I've led a much better life than that crook and he gets to be with a beautiful woman." "Relax," St. Peter said. "You've got it all wrong—that's her punishment."