



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 May 7, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. GARY FUNKHOUSER has arranged for Joel Burkum to describe his efforts to assist orphanages in Rumania. Invite your spouse.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 4/30 there were 21 members and one guest present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. KATHY SCHMITT led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to our guest speaker, DALE ROBERTSON, who contributed it to the Endowment Fund. The attendance pot was awarded to STEVE IRVIN. Sorry, STEVE, that it wasn't so big.

STEVE contributed to the Youth Fund to announce that his son and daughter each received degrees. Their graduations are scheduled at the same time in different places. Let us know how that works out. LARRY KRAMER added a contribution to announce that his daughter was graduating at UNO. TIM GREINER also contributed to announce that his daughter was selected as a Southwest Iowa Academic All-State Student by the Des Moines Register.

Pres. JEFF called for a quarter from all members not wearing their name badges during the meeting.

Pres. JEFF circulated a Thank You note from the Cub Scouts for their use of the Can Kennel. Also, he circulated another Thank You from the Treynor School Librarian Ellen Garaffa for our Club contribution to the new student Book Club. Thanks to TIM GREINER for matching the Club contribution.

JOHN KLEIN reported that eleven trees were planted for the Arbor Day project. Thanks to KEITH DENTON for providing a tractor and digger. Thanks to GARY and CHAD GUTTAU, GERALD FORRISTLL, ARLYN NORRIS, and LARRY KRAMER for providing tools and helping the 5th graders plant the trees. Other planting assistance was received from representatives of Trees Forever, Pheasants Forever, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Master Gardeners.

Pres. JEFF noted that the Can Kennel is used during the month of May to obtain funds for senior scholarships. The amount of scholarships was increased this year, so we need to fill the Can Kennel up.

JOHN K. described plans to line up the labor needed to construct the new playground equipment. He circulated a sign-up flyer and asked each Club member to spread the word to friends and neighbors. While two days of intensive effort is needed to assemble the playground pieces, other labor is needed to prepare about 70 postholes before assembly and to fill the holes with concrete after the equipment is assembled. In addition over 400 tons of pea gravel has to be spread across the playground area after the concrete has set. This will require a great deal of labor to spread the gravel under and around the playground equipment.

LARRY announced that the playground posthole sites would be laid out Saturday afternoon and Sunday evening and asked for a few hands to help out. Drainage and light poles are to be installed before the postholes can be dug.

P.S. A motorist was driving in the country when suddenly his car sputtered and rolled to a stop. He got out of the car and was looking under the hood at the spark plug wires, when an old goat trotted up the road. The goat said, "Better check the gas line," and scampered away. The motorist was so frightened he ran to the nearby farm house and told the farmer what had happened. "Was it an old goat with a floppy ear?" inquired the farmer. "Yes, Yes!" cried the frightened man. "Well, don't pay any attention to him," the farmer said. "He doesn't know anything about cars."

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Pres. JEFF auctioned a 75th Anniversary of Scouting coffee mug provided by the Cub Scout Cubmaster Jill Orr. Next week there will be a small ginko tree for auction.

Thanks to GARY F. for organizing the 2005 Youth Appreciation Celebration. About 125 youth, parents, family members, Optimists, and guests attended. The students selected by teachers to be honored were:

7th Grade	Elizabeth Green, Jordan Keysor
8th Grade	Shannon Smith, Jeff Schnepel
9th Grade	Alyssa King, Andrew Maddux
10th Grade	Nicole Schmidt, John Flaten
11th Grade	Megan Gerdes, Daniel Morse
12th Grade	Katherine Willenborg, Jacob Setran

Melissa Hopkins was selected as Educator of the Year by her peers at the Elementary School. First place essay winner, Michelle Johnson read her essay to the audience. Oratorical winners Hannah Owens and Jordan Keysor presented their speeches. Thanks to STEVE IRVIN for speaking about the value of "attitudes" in our every day living. LES and MILLI HARVEY were recognized for their many years of service through organizing communication contests and the Youth Appreciation Celebrations of past years. LARRY was recognized by the Club for his Iowa District Optimist of the Year selection. Thanks to Kathy Schmitt and many other Club members for contributions of cookies and brownies for the reception and for help in setting up and serving.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN KID'S LIVES

Underwood Optimist member Dale Robertson spoke to Club members about the value of the Optimist International Foundation. As Iowa District Optimist Foundation Chair, Dale emphasized how important it is to understand the role the foundation has in providing resources for Optimist Clubs to serve youth. The Foundation provides grants to Optimist International (OI) for youth scholarships, educational programs, dissemination of youth program information, and training to expand Optimists services to youth and communities. Over 1.5 million youth are served annually by OI through programs funded by the Foundation. Dale said the Iowa District goal for contributions to the Foundation is \$11 per member. He noted that 70% of contributions are used for projects, 10% for administration, and the remaining 20% are added to the Foundation reserve.

CALENDAR

May Can Collections for Club Scholarships

- May 3 Babysitting/child care clinic, final session.
- May 7 Cub meeting, program by Joel Burkum.
- May 12 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 3:30 p.m.
- May 13-15 East Park Playground Construction.
- May 14 Club meeting. Work day at the playground.
- May 18 Can and bottle sorting.
- May 21 Club meeting, program TBA.
- May 21 Iowa District Optimist 3rd Quarter Conference, Des Moines.

May 21 Roadside cleanup with Cub Scouts, 9:30 a.m.

June 1 Can and bottle sorting.

June Can Collections for Silver-Keg Feeders 4-H

- Jun. 11 Garage Sale with Cub Scouts.
- Jun. 12 Horse show.

Birthdays

- 5/11 KEITH DENTON, 5/20 KELLY SUTHERLAND
- 5/22 LINNEA WHITE

Anniversaries

- 5/29 BILL MATTHEW # recognized to date

