



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 21, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. GARY FUNKHOUSER has arranged for Orien Hodges to speak. Invite a guest. There will not be a Club meeting on the 14th because of the playground project work.

Pres. JEFF announced that there would not be a Club meeting on the 14th since playground work would be ongoing.

The Club expressed appreciation to GARY F. for the great effort in organizing the Youth Appreciation Celebration.

Pres. JEFF auctioned a ginkgo tree provided by Keith McGinnis at McGinnis Nursery of Glenwood. Somehow Pres. JEFF ended up agreeing to plant it for VIRGIL HOLST.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 5/7 there were 17 members and four guests present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to KEITH DENTON. The attendance pot was awarded to WES NELSON, but it was not claimed.

Guests Beth Peters, Julie Funkhouser, and Dale Willenberg were introduced. Dale picked up a member application.

It's close to KEITH DENTON'S birthday again, so he added a dollar to the Youth Fund. Pres. JEFF added a dollar because he had to be prompted to close the Youth Appreciation Celebration with the Optimist Creed. GARY FUNKHOUSER added a couple of dollars to recognize that both the Treynor high school band and choir received number one ratings in state competition. JUDY GUTTAU added a dollar to note the show 'Big River' at the Chanticleer Theater is a wonderful, entertaining production.

KATHY SCHMITT reminded everyone that the Bike Safety Day would be held on Thursday after school. A great number of helpers are needed at the riding skill stations and for bike inspection and adjustments. Four bikes and some bike helmets will be given to lucky youth winners.

Pres. JEFF announced the can and bottle sorting for Club scholarships would be at 6 p.m. on the 18th. If you haven't been there yet, mark this date on your calendar.

LARRY KRAMER described plans for installation of the new Treynor East Park playgrounds. On Wednesday evening holes for the support posts will be dug. Hackett Construction and Andersen Construction will each have a skid loader with an auger attachment to dig holes. Over a dozen helpers are needed to clean the dirt from around the holes and move it off the playground site. Arrangements are being made to have a hamburger cookout at the park after the holes are completed. Friday and Saturday will be the main assembly days. Work crews are being lined up for three four-hour periods each day. Next Monday the concrete footings will be poured. Then pea gravel will be spread a foot deep across the playground areas. The new playground is expected to be open to the public on Memorial Day.

HELPING THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

Joel Burkum of Council Bluffs has worked many years as videographer at Deaf Missions, but the past decade he has also been involved with mission work to the orphan children in Romania. Joel explained that this summer he will be leaving Deaf Missions and begin working full time with For God's Children International (FGCI). This new charity organization will strive to increase the effort to help the more than 100,000 Romanian children housed in 600 orphanages there. At first they contributed clothing, Joel noted, then medicines and eyeglasses. Now FGCI is helping in many other ways by organizing mission group trips, sponsoring summer bible camps, providing staff and improvements to a children's wing of the hospital, and providing alternate Christian care facilities for abandoned children. According to Joel, children are dismissed from the orphanages when they reach age 18 even though they have no one to care for them and have little education and skills. Educational resources are lacking. Material resources are scant. Joel explained he wanted to get rocking chairs in the orphanages, but rocking chairs did not exist there and no one knew about them or how to use them to comfort a crying child. The FGCI ministry can be contacted at 328-3776 to receive more information or to discuss how you can help with their efforts.

CALENDAR

May Can Collections for Club Scholarships

- May 11 Dig holes for playground equipment, 5 p.m. to dark.
- May 12 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 3:30 p.m.
- May 13-15 East Park Playground Construction.
- May 14 No Club meeting. Work day at the playground.
- May 18 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- May 21 Club meeting, program by Orien Hodges.
- May 21 Iowa District Optimist 3rd Quarter Conference, Des Moines.

- May 21 Roadside cleanup with Cub Scouts, 9:30 a.m.
- May 28 Club meeting, program by Debbie Barrier.
- June 1 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

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

P.S. Three kids at summer camp were bragging about whose father was the fastest. The farm boy said, "My dad is so fast that he can shoot an arrow at a target and then run and catch the arrow before it hits."

The feed salesman's son bragged, "That's nothing. My dad can shoot his pistol, pick up a target, run to the end of the range and put it up before the bullet gets there."

The agricultural economist's boy thought a minute and then replied. "My dad's got you all beat. He works for the government and gets off work at 4:30 p.m., but he's always home by 3:45."

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