



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

F The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 4, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. JUDY GUTTAU has invited BILL MATTHEW to speak about investment issues. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

R At the Club meeting on 11/27 there were 19 members and one guest present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER. MICK GUTTAU won the 50/50 drawing.

I Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from several members. MICK put in two dollars for not singing birthday greetings, and JOHN KLEIN put in another two for his anniversary. CHAD GUTTAU put in a dollar to mention he would be visiting the White House next weekend. JERRY HEMPEL added a dollar to recognize that his son was named to the All District High School Football Team. MICK remembered he was in a couple of news photos recently and added a couple more dollars.

E THERESA FAHRENKRUG reminded all members that they are invited to the Eagle Scout ceremony for Brandon, Sunday the 5th, at St. Pauls at 2 p.m.

N JERRY circulated a plaque presented by the 4-H Council to our Club as a 'Friend of 4-H' for our support of local clubs through our Can Kennel fund raising efforts

D JOHN K. noted the can and bottle sorting with the Honor Band group is planned this Wednesday at 6 p.m.

O Pres. JEFF circulated a thank you note from Nicole Schmidt for our contribution toward her planned trip to Australia.

F JUDY GUTTAU circulated a sign-up sheet for monthly program organizers for 2005. Give JUDY a call if you have program ideas.

Y JERRY asked for volunteers to help usher at the Elementary School Christmas Program on December 6.

O BOB HIBBARD asked for a few helpers to string lights on the Community Christmas Tree after the Club meeting on the 4th.

U Pres. JEFF noted that he received from Optimist International notification that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service has granted all U.S. Optimist Clubs a group federal tax exemption status change from Sec. 501(c)3 to 501(c)4. This will enable several benefits for our club, particularly with regard to fund raising. Upon by-law changes and application with Optimist International our Club

T Her son is on the cover of the Wheaties box.
H Her daughter is on the cover of Business Week.
 Her boy friend is on the cover of Men's Fitness.
 And her husband is on the back of the milk carton.

becomes a charitable organization and can receive tax-deductible donations from individuals and businesses. Pres. JEFF appointed LARRY KRAMER to look at needed by-law changes and present a draft at the next Board meeting.

REAL ESTATE BUSINESS CHANGES

Maxine Klahn is an Associate Broker for Key Real Estate in Council Bluffs. Maxine explained that arranging real estate transactions through Key Real Estate for the past 26-years has kept her focused on residential development in and around Treynor and Council Bluffs. Not only have property values appreciated greatly during this time, but also the tools of the trade have changed dramatically. Maxine noted that when she began, cell phones and fax machines were not so available. Furthermore, the Internet resources for real estate information and communication didn't exist. In addition, Maxine explained, there are many more financial programs today, which allow buyers to find the residential loan they need to become a homeowner. The various loan alternatives combined with low interest rates have contributed to the strong housing market of recent years according to Maxine. In Pottawattamie County there are about 400 lots of one acre or more size on the market associated with residential developments approved by the county zoning board. These lots have a value listing ranging from \$15,000 to \$75,000, Maxine noted. One of the newer residential developments in the Treynor school district is Hearthstone Estates situated along Highway 92 about five miles from Council Bluffs. Maxine explained that a few lots have been sold but home construction hasn't begun yet which usually speeds up the sale of other lots

CALENDAR

November Can Collections for Honor Band

- Dec. 1 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Club meeting, program by BILL MATTHEW. Decorate the Community Christmas Tree after the Club meeting.
- Dec. 5 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Brandon Fahrenkrug, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2 p.m.
- Dec. 6 Elementary School Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Club meeting, program TBA. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Dec. 15 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec. 29 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

December Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL; 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD
- 12/31 JEFFERY NELSON

Anniversaries

- 12/21 WES NELSON; 12/27 GARY GUTTAU
- 12/31 BOB HIBBARD # recognized to date

P.S. A WOMAN'S PERFECT BREAKFAST: She's sitting at the table with her gourmet coffee.

