



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 December 10, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. JUDY GUTTAU has arranged for Emily Eitmann to speak about her trip to Australia. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 10/3 there were 26 members and six guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JEFF JORGENSEN led the devotional prayer

The 50/50 was awarded to DOREEN MAYBERRY. The attendance pot was awarded to TERESA FAHRENKRUG.

Guest Richard 'Dick' Baber from Council Bluffs was recognized. Dick turned in his Club membership application. Give him a warm Treynor welcome. Other guests included Treynor High School students Lee Volkens, 'Brittini Donahue, and TJ Jensen who are part of the Southwest Iowa Honor Choir. They were accompanied by high school choir teacher Roger Jensen. The students used the Can Kennel to earn funds for a trip to New York City. Club Treasurer Richard Vorthmann presented their check for \$705.60.

Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from several members and guests for announcements, birthdays and anniversaries. KEVIN UNDERWOOD and GERALD FORRISTALL contributed for birthdays. GARY GUTTAU and BOB HIBBARD contributed for anniversaries. Dick Babler contributed to announce a presentation of The Messiah at Broadway Methodist Church. MICK GUTTAU contributed for the T-Bank articles in the news. GERRALD also contributed to recognize that his grandson at Morningside College was playing in Division 3 football finals.

Pres. GARY noted the Club had given a decorative wreath to T-Bank to recognize their branch opening at HyVee in Council Bluffs.

Thanks to Pres. GARY, LES and MILLI HARVEY, STEVE IRVIN, RICHARD VORTHMANN, JOHN KLEIN, and LARRY KRAMER for helping in a now fall at the recent can and bottle sorting. Pres. GARY placed a temporary cover over the Can Kennel to reduce the snow accumulation during the winter season. The next sorting is December 14.

Pres. GARY noted that he, RICHARD, BOB, and LARRY attended the recent Zone meeting at Underwood. A surprise guest, Iowa District Governor Jim Boyd, was present. Governor Boyd emphasized the strong effort to spread the Optimist spirit to areas of northern Iowa that do not have community clubs of service to youth. He encouraged us to reach out to communities in our region without Optimist clubs. Governor Boyd noted the availability of the District Newsletter on the District web site. If you want to see a paper copy let Pres. GARY know.

Pres. GARY asked for volunteers to help usher at the elementary school Christmas Program on December 19.

JUDY GUTTAU circulated a sign-up for monthly program chairs for 2006.

DALE WILLENBORG circulated leaflets announcing a fund-raising dinner, entertainment, and silent auction at Santa's Christmas Village in Macedonia at 6 p.m. on December 10. Dinner tickets are \$15.

JEFF J. auctioned tickets to the Omaha Joslyn Art Museum to spirited bidding.

There were nine Board members and one Club member present at the Board meeting. RICHARD reported club assets of \$6500 plus an endowment balance of \$1615. Linnea White presented plans for landscaping around the Community Center. The Board agreed that the Club would support her effort. LARRY reported on actions of the Treynor sign committee. They are currently evaluating sign locations. Motion was approved to contribute \$200 to the Treynor Food Bank. Motion was approved to contribute \$100 to Dawn Olsen for participation in Youth People-to-People trip to Britain. Motion was approved to purchase two Club roadside signs for \$146. \$100 will be rebated from Optimist International. Motion was approved to pay the fee to recharter the Cub Scout Pack. JEFF J. proposed that a Club suggestion box be placed in Treynor. Motion was approved to accept membership of Dick Baber and drop membership of Gene Grell and Roger Vorthmann.

GETTING AWAY FROM HOME FOR A WHILE

German visitor Kathrina Truebanbach spoke to Club members about her experiences in the US the past several months. Kathrina, who has studied English in school since the 5th grade, came to the US to learn through a business internship. 1st National Bank of Omaha was the only area business to acknowledge her application. Kathrina is from Gross-Gerau Germany near Frankfort. After she returns home she will complete the college studies for a bachelor degree in business. Kathrina said she worked in the credit card marketing development division of 1st National Bank and was challenged to learn about all the various credit card systems. Working in cubicles was a different experience. Kathrina said some cultural differences she noted were that people were friendlier in stores in the US. The customer service is much better and the stores are open every day of the week and often 24 hr. Kathrina explained she had done quite a bit of traveling across the US during her four months internship here and greatly enjoyed to experiences. During the last two months Kathrina was hosted by MICK and JUDY GUTTAU.

CALENDAR

December Can Collections for Junior Class

- Dec. 10 Club meeting, program by Emily Eitmann
- Dec. 14 Can and bottle sorting, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17 Club meeting, program by Barbara Robertson, Iowa District Optimist Chair of P.G.I.
- Dec. 19 Elementary Christmas Program.
- Dec. 24 & 31 no meetings.

January Can Collections for Junior Class

- Jan. 4 Can and bottle sorting, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Club meeting, program TBA.

Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL#, 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD#
- 12/31 JEFF NELSON

Anniversaries

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

P.S. The preacher paid a duty call at the rural home of a sick member of his parish. After a little while he decided to read aloud some verses of scripture and asked for the family Bible. The sick woman called to her little daughter in the next room, "Darling," she said in a syrupy voice, "would you get that old book you mother loves so well." The little girl promptly returned with the Sears & Roebuck mail-order catalog.

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