



# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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Denny White	Larry Kramer



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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 14, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. DALE WILLENBORG has arranged for an expert in genealogy Beverly Repouille to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 12/7 there were 22 members and one guest present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to MILLI HARVEY. The attendance pot was awarded to JERRY HEMPEL, but it was not collected.

The anniversary of JERYL UNDERWOOD was recognized as he put a dollar in the Youth Fund. GARY GUTTAU put in a dollar in recognition of the naming of ROGER VORTHMANN as the outstanding beef stock producer in Iowa for 2005. JOHN KLEIN also put in a dollar to state his daughter had found a job, but the downside is that the job is in St. Paul, MN.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER conducted the new membership induction of KELLY MCGOWEN. BOB HIBBARD was recognized as KELLY'S sponsor. MCGOWEN briefly recounted his life experiences that led him to relocate from California, where he grew up, to the Treynor area to raise his family.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER circulated thank you notes received from 1) the Treynor Dance Team for Can Kennel use, 2) the Treynor Food Pantry for our contribution, and 3) Joel Berkum, for support of Romanian children through God's Children International.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced the upcoming Iowa District Optimist Regional meeting in Council Bluffs February 11.

Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, JEFF JORGENSEN, RICHARD VORTHMANN, TIM GREINER, and LES and MILLI HARVEY for helping the Junior Class with can and bottle sorting. KLEIN said he had submitted a grant proposal to Iowa Dept. of Transportation Keep Iowa Beautiful program to put a roof over the Can Kennel.

LES HARVEY commented he had researched in the Council Bluffs library for information about the old Coke Cola bottle found under a razed building in Treynor. The smooth sided bottle is about 100 yr. old and was produced in Omaha. It was given to MICK GUTTAU for his collection.

Be sure and note the T-Bank display this month highlighting our Club activities. LARRY KRAMER and the HARVEYS prepared the display which is near the bank front door.

The Club spaghetti dinner is coming up fast on the calendar as it is Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. MILLI HARVEY is asking for homemade pie contributions. Let her know right away if she can put you on her list. Also, many workers are needed for preparation, serving, and cleanup. JEFF JORGENSEN has the worker task list. Let him know as soon as possible how you can help.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced the Octagon Club was planning a fund raising event with paper airplanes at the basketball games on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Most of the club members

are on the teams, so they need some help conducting the event.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned fresh cinnamon rolls brought by GARY GUTTAU (baked by Dee). Bidding was quick for the four large rolls and JEFF lost out, sorry.

Ten board members meet after the Club meeting to discuss Club business. Treasurer RICHARD VORTHMANN reported Club assets of \$6,884 plus an endowment account balance of \$1,516. JOHN KLEIN noted the cost of plastic bags used at the Can Kennel has more than doubled. Can Kennel use applications were approved as follows: February – Optimist Youth Funding; March – Treynor Music Boosters; April – Boy Scouts (pending receipt of complete application); and May – Optimist Scholarships. The 2006 Arbor Day tree planting plan for planting 17 trees around the elementary school that was prepared by JOHN KLEIN was approved.

### THE GREAT MIGRATION

Ronald Thurber is volunteer director of the Mormon Trails Center in north Omaha. Ron said his responsibility also includes the Kanesville Tabernacle in Council Bluffs. He is wrapping up a two year mission assignment with his wife and will soon be returning to their home Boise, ID. Ron stated he retired from his architecture business to assume the mission task of directorship of the historic landmarks and monuments of the Mormon winter quarters associated with their migration west. These historic landmarks include the Mormon Pioneer Cemetery, Winter Quarters monument, Mormon Pioneer Memorial Bridge, Mormon Mill, and Kanesville Tabernacle. Ron noted these are described in the Mormon Trails Center at 3215 State St. in north Omaha. In 1846 one of the nation's greatest planned migrations moved through Omaha and established a winter camp and staging area for westward travel the next year. Over 3000 people were included in the winter encampment which encompassed a 27 sq. mile area. Ron noted that 500 cabins and 80 dug outs were prepared on the Nebraska side of the Missouri River. Other pioneers stayed through the winter on the Iowa side. The Mormon migration continued for several years and more efficient transportation was sought. In 1856 hand carts, first built by the John Deere Company, were used and they were 20% faster than ox driven carts and wagons. Ron noted that the migration west, primarily to Salt Lake, UT, continued until 1869 when the transcontinental railroad was completed.

### CALENDAR

#### January Can Collections for Junior Class

Jan. 13	Spaghetti Supper, Zion Church. 5 to 7 p.m.
Jan. 14	Club meeting, program by Beverly Repouille.
Jan. 21	Club meeting, program by John Behrends.
Jan. 25	Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
Jan. 28	Club meeting, program TBA.
Feb. 11	Regional meeting, Council Bluffs.

#### Birthdays

1/19 DENNIS WHITE, 1/20 PENNY NELSON  
1/24 JOHN SCHMITT

#### Anniversaries

1-8 JERYL UNDERWOOD#  
# recognized to date

P.S. Al, a top-notch door-to-door salesman, was telling the rookie salesman about his selling tactics. "I sell women's hose," Al said, "Sometimes, if the woman of the house is really interested, I put them on for her." "You must really sell a lot that way," replied the wide-eyed rookie. "No, not really," Al said. "My legs look lousy in women's hose."

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