



# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 28, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. DALE WILLENBORG has arranged for September Turner, Executive Director of Mica House, to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 1/21 there were 29 members and two guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to RICHARD VORTHMANN. This was after he traded tickets with JERRY HEMPEL. The attendance pot was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER.

The birthday of JOHN SCHMITT was noted. He put a couple of dollars in the Youth Fund to forgo the singing part. GERALD FORRISTALL added a dollar to note his granddaughter was recently married in a grand ceremony in an old barn. The couple plan to move to Oregon. JEFF JORGENSEN also added a dollar to recount his experience at a fund raising dinner in the presence of Omaha and Nebraska politicians.

Scoutmaster Tom Schnepel of the Treynor troop brought an application for use of the Can Kennel and spoke about their plans for a high adventure canoe trip to the boundary waters area of northern Minnesota in late July. They anticipate eight scouts and six adults will participate on the 50 mile canoe trip through the northern lake country. Schnepel noted that there are several scouts working on Eagle requirements, and requested suggestions for community projects that would meet Eagle project criteria. Schnepel also noted that JERRY HEMPEL is the current chairman of the Trailblazer District Boy Scout program.

BOB HIBBARD is the first club member to receive the new Optimist International member sponsor pin during the current Optimist year. The unique pin was presented by President FUNKHOUSER.

Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, RICHARD VORTHMANN, and TIM GREINER for working at the Can Kennel last week. The last sorting for the Junior Class is February 1.

LES HARVEY reported on the completion of sales for Newsletter advertisements. \$840 was received from the sale of nineteen ads. There were five new advertisers. Many thanks to HARVEY for the great effort and results.

JEFF JORGENSEN announced the Cub Scout Pack was holding the annual Pine Wood Derby next Saturday. They need some volunteers with judging cars and monitoring the race car competition. Let JEFF know if you can help.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER presented a couple of books he found at a discount store in Omaha. One was written by an author of the same name as LARRY KRAMER. KRAMER accepted the "gift" with a dollar contribution to the Youth Fund. The other book was a collection of celebrity 'Make a Wish' statements. Funkhouser auctioned this along with a calculator and pen desk set and a welcome sign wall hanging, both donated by MILLI HARVEY.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reminded everyone about the upcoming Iowa District Optimist meeting in Council Bluffs on February 11. The early registration is \$11 and the deadline is February 4. Late registration is \$15 for the day long meeting. Let LARRY KRAMER know if you are going.

### THE CHALLENGES OF RECRUITMENT

Army Staff Sergeant John Behrends spoke to Club members about his experiences in Iraq and his current assignment as a recruiter. Behrends has been in the military over twenty years and has numerous combat experiences in Iraq. He has performed as a Battle Captain calling in fire power from ground and air. While not involved in active battle Behrends explained he helped deliver water, paint schools, and monitor the sale of propane for the local people. He noted several locals came to him to show him scars of torture and express hate toward the deposed Iraqi dictator. One of most challenging tasks, Behrends explained, is to retrain the Iraqi soldier to the US military standards.



Behrends stated that only 16% of our population is qualified to be in the military and the military needs more personnel than the current size. Behrends and seven other recruiters are working in a 5800 square mile area of this region to discuss the educational and skill learning opportunities in the military with young men and women. Behrends noted that many high school graduates can not do long hand math which limits their qualification for military service and makes his task a challenge.

### CALENDAR

#### January Can Collections for Junior Class

- Jan. 28 Club meeting, program by September Turner.
- Jan. 28 Pine Wood Derby, 8:30 a.m., Elementary School Gym.

- Feb. 1 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

#### February Can Collections for Optimist Youth Contributions

- Feb. 4 Club meeting, program TBA. Breakfast provided by the Silver-Keg 4-H Club. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Feb. 11 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 11 Regional Iowa District Optimist meeting, Council Bluffs, 9:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Can and bottle sorting.

#### Birthdays

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

#### Anniversaries

- 1-8 JERYL UNDERWOOD#
- # recognized to date

P.S. The sergeant in charge of the new recruits ordered: "Men when I blow the whistle, I want you to shoot at will." At that moment a very frightened young man ran across the grounds out of sight.

"Who was that? Where's he going?" bellowed the sergeant. "That was Will," replied one of the recruits.

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