



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 February 4, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JIM CLAUSEN has arranged for Bob Vander Plaats to speak about his campaign to be governor of Iowa. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 1/28 there were 21 members and one guest present. Vice. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting by leading the pledge and presenting the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU. The attendance pot was awarded to GARY FUNKHOUSER, but it could not be collected.

JOHN KLEIN reported that JEFF JORGENSEN was in the hospital to treat a blood clot in one leg and he needed some help at the Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby after our Club meeting. CHAD GUTTAU, BOB HIBBARD, and LARRY KRAMER volunteered.

RICHARD VORTHMANN reported that GEORGE SCHNEIDER was currently residing at Risen Son in Council Bluffs until his strength returns.

V. Pres. GUTTAU noted that there were just a few more days to observe the bank display of our Club activities last year.

TIM GREINER announced the last can and bottle sorting for the Junior Class After-the-Prom Committee would be this Wednesday February 1 at 6y p.m. Can and bottle collections in February will be for our Club contributions to individual youth projects. LES HARVEY will coordinate the sorting volunteers.

RICHARD VORTHMANN said he had the new Optimist International road side signs to replace the old signs along Highway 92.

MILLI HARVEY announced she would coordinate the participation of our Club in the junior class brunch to be scheduled later this year.

LARRY KRAMER is still taking pre-registration reservations for the upcoming Iowa District Optimists Regional Meeting in Council Bluffs, February 11. It is a great opportunity to learn about Optimists working throughout Iowa.

V. Pres. GUTTAU reminded everyone that the Silver-Keg 4-H Club is serving a breakfast before our next Club meeting. Also, President GARY FUNKHOUSER will be conducting a Board meeting after the next Club meeting.

SERVING THE NEED FOR TEMPORARY SHELTER

As Executive Director of MICAHA House, September Turner has a tremendous challenge to meet the needs of families and single women who are

P.S. Two mothers were comparing notes on their teenage sons. One was saying, "I have to drag Bobby out of bed every morning to get him to school on time."

"Oh, I never have any problems with Tommy. I just toss our cat into bed with him and he gets up right away," the second mother informed her.

"How does that work?"

"Well, it's pretty simple," she said, "Tommy sleeps with the dog."

experiencing the crisis of homelessness. Turner explained that MICAHA House is a temporary emergency family shelter located in Council Bluffs. Last year MICAHA House sheltered 322 individuals, about half were children, but turned away 2000 others. Turner noted that MICAHA House is supported by donations from individuals, churches, businesses, grants, fundraising events and in-kind donations. The staff and volunteers work 24 hours a day seven day a week providing shelter and meals. They have been in operation nearly twenty years and have a current capacity for 15 families. According to Turner about half of the families served are from Iowa and half from Nebraska. The shelter is usually full and the need for temporary help, especially for single mother families, is great. Turner explained that MICAHA House has joined with four other social service agencies in Council Bluffs to plan a combined campus of new structures on 8 acres to provide more effective services. This 28 million dollar project will double the service capacity of MICAHA House and allow more efficient exchange of social services between the cooperating agencies. Turner noted that the fund raising has just started and they hope to start construction in 2007. Until then there is an ongoing challenge to serve the need with the space available. Turner emphasized that volunteer help is essential to MICAHA House. Volunteers are needed to sort and organize donations, prepare meals, pick up and deliver donations, help with record keeping, cleaning, minor repairs, and provide in-house day care. Give them a call at 323-4416 if you have materials or time to donate.

CALENDAR

February Can Collections for Optimist Youth Contributions

- Feb. 1 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 4 Club meeting, program by Bob Vander Plaats. 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.
- Feb. 18 Club meeting, program TBA.

March Can Collections for Treynor Music Boosters

Birthdays

- 2/1 DICK BABER, 2/5 LARRY KRAMER
- 2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN 2/13 GARY FUNKHOUSER

Anniversaries

- 2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL, 2/6 JON JACOBSEN
 - 2/15 KELLY McGOWEN, 2/23 RICHARD VORTHMANN
- # recognized to date