



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA **NEWSLETTER**  
Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**F** The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning October 15, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. JOHN KLEIN has arranged for a field trip to a commercial dairy near Atlantic, IA. Bring a guest.

**REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING**

**R** At the Club meeting on 10/8 there were 21 members and two guests present. LARRY KRAMER was representing our Club at the Iowa District Optimist quarterly conference in Des Moines. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. LES HARVEY gave the invocation prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to GARY GUTAU. The attendance pot was awarded to BOB HIBBARD.

Chad Airhart of Creston, IA was recognized as a guest. Chad accompanied our guest speaker Congressman Steve King.

Pres. GARY distributed a draft of the budget for our Club for the new Optimist year. Members were asked to review it before the next Board meeting, which would be on the 29<sup>th</sup> after the Club meeting.

Thanks to JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT, RICHARD VORTHMANN, LES, and Pres. GARY for working at the football gate and parking. The next and last home football game is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

LES announced the next can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel is this Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. He needs a few volunteers to help the Treynor South West Iowa Honor Choir members as they are a relatively small group.

Pres. GARY announced that Optimist International has made available a special lapel pin for each member who brings a new Optimist member into our Club this year.

GARY GUTTAU described the Optimist International Tri-Star Football Punt, Pass, and Kick competition for youth to be held this Thursday after school behind the high school. Many volunteers are needed at 3:30 p.m. to efficiently conduct the activity.

LES announced arrangements had been made for a breakfast meeting with the high school football team and coaching staff for our regular meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at the high school at our regular time for a Club meeting, then have breakfast time with the team.

At our next Club meeting we will go on a road trip. JOHN KLEIN explained that we are going to meet at 7:30 a.m. and car pool to a dairy farm near Atlantic, IA. This will be about a 3 hour round trip, and we will see technology on the farm we've never seen before.

**A REPORT FROM OUR REPRESENTATIVE**

U.S. Congressman Steve King spoke to Club members about recent experiences in Louisiana

P.S. Our government is one of checks and balances. The more checks the government writes, the worse the balance gets.

You've got to give the president lots of credit for foresight. Last year he told us to tighten our belts, which is good thing. Because what's happening now is enough to scare the pants off you.

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observing hurricane damage and debating government relief expenditures. King emphasized the damage was so extensive over a 450 sq. mi. region that early efforts by government agencies went largely unnoticed by the media. He witnessed small communities that were destroyed, even the water tower. Only a flag pole was left standing in one community. But, there was a new flag hoisted on the pole and several other flags were seen. King said Congress responded by approving spending bills, \$10.8 billion the first week and \$51.8 billion the next. But, he voted against the latter because accountability was lacking. FEMA couldn't specify how and where the money would be spent. Other issues of concern expressed by Congressman King were the spread of methamphetamine, illegal immigration, and natural gas cost. King is sponsoring a bill in congress to model that adopted by the state of Iowa to restrict the sale of ingredients used to make meth. King said state and federal agencies need to enforce immigration laws. We now have a 'catch and release' program in the southwestern U.S. Only after being caught seven times, illegals are then deported. King noted that environmental activists are hampering U.S. efforts to develop our own natural resources. These issues plus the rising national debt and other concerns make the work of a good congressman frustrating and demanding of time and energy and challenging to personal beliefs. Congressman King emphasized that citizen response and communication is needed, and can cause changes in government actions.

**CALENDAR**

**October Can Collections for SW IA Choir**

- Oct. 12 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Punt, Pass, and Kick Activity, high school softball field, 3:45 p.m.
- Oct. 15 Club meeting, road trip to modern dairy near Atlantic, IA, 7:30 a.m.
- Oct. 21 Home football game with Boyer Valley
- Oct. 22 Club meeting and breakfast with football team at Treynor High School.
- Oct. 22 Charter Banquet for new Pocahontas Optimist Club, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Club meeting, program by J. J. Davis, Channel 42 Sports Director.  
Board meeting after Club meeting.

**November Can Collections for Octagon Club**

- Nov. 5 Club meeting, program by Keith Burgett, retired judge.
- Nov. 19 Club meeting, program by Kenneth Koehler, Red Cross Volunteer.

**Birthdays**

- 10/17 MARSHA UNDERWOOD
- 10/29 BILL VORTHMANN

**Anniversaries**

- 10/17 DENNIS WHITE
- # recognized to date

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