



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 March 25, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. RICHARD VORTHMANN has arranged for Iowa Senator Hubert Houser to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 3/18 there were 25 members present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. KELLY MCGOWEN led the devotional prayer.

DICK BABER and LARRY KRAMER were visiting the Lamoni, IA community to discuss organizing an Optimist Club there.

The 50/50 was awarded to DALE WILLENBORG. The attendance pot was awarded to JERRY HEMPEL, but it could not be collected.

Contributions to the Youth Fund for achievements of family members were received from TIM GREINER, Pres. FUNKHOUSER, and BILL VORTHMANN.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced that the Treynor students won the recent Western Iowa Conference Quiz Bowl hosted by Griswold. Quiz Bowl team members were Ben Hardy (sophomore), Jared Greiner (junior), Jon Miller (junior), and Michelle Johnson (senior). This was the first time a Treynor team has participated in a Quiz Bowl. The Treynor team was co-sponsored by the high school and our Club. There were nine competing teams from Audubon, Riverside and Tri-Center in addition to Griswold and Treynor.

Thanks to Pres. FUNKHOUSER and LARRY KRAMER for assisting at the recent can and bottle sorting. The Music Boosters arranged for a large group that worked through the sorting in about a half hour. Their next sorting is on the 29th after school at 3:45 p.m.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced the local oratory contest would be Wednesday the 22nd at the high school auditorium at 2 p.m. The winners of the boy and girl competitions will compete at the Zone contest at Griswold on the 25th.

JEFF JORGENSEN circulated a sign-up sheet for the upcoming Optimist Dinner at The Rose on the 26th, 6 p.m. Call him ASAP to let him know how many to expect (487-3355).

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced the upcoming Zone meeting, Monday the 27th at Zion Church. There will be a light supper to start the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Ask GARY GUTTAU how you can help.

P.S. A painter got a call from the gallery that was showing his work. The gallery owner said, "I have good news and bad news. A fellow came in this morning and asked if your work is the kind that would increase in value after the artist's death. I said yes and he bought all fifteen paintings". The painter was overjoyed. "But, what is the bad news?" the painter asked. The gallery owner replied, "The buyer of the paintings was your doctor!"

Thanks to Les Harvey for Newsletter information.

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HIGHER LEARNING LEADS TO HIGHER EARNING

Treynor High School Principal JOEL BOHLKEN spoke to Club members about efforts of high school reform in Iowa. The focus of reform is rigor in teaching program; relevance of education to student lives now and in the future; and relationships among students, families, employers, and the public. BOHLKEN stated that students need to be more rigorous and many express the desire to work harder for better results. Average salaries of graduates at various levels of education are a strong motivation. Annual salaries range from high school at \$27,800, community college at \$34,000, university B.S. degree at \$49,000, university M.S. degree at \$50,000 to twice the high school graduate level or more for PhD graduates. BOHLKEN noted that the higher earnings for advanced education are a strong motivator for Treynor students, but the competition with other students around the world for jobs is getting stronger. At Treynor High School students are already required to take the classes that are proposed for all schools in the state. Some students already take advance placement classes for college credits. BOHLKEN stated that academic rigor is easier to improve than the relevance and relationship needs in the education reform agenda. But, even increased academic rigor is subject to having and keeping a good teaching staff. Teachers are being asked to increase the instruction rigor, but commensurate salaries are also needed to retain good teachers.

CALENDAR

March Can Collections for Treynor Music Boosters

- Mar. 25 Club meeting, program by Hubert Houser.
- Mar. 26 Club Dinner, The Rose, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 27 Host Zone meeting, Zion Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.

April Can Collections for Boy Scouts High Adventure Trip

- Apr. 1 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Apr. 21 Arbor Day at Elementary School.
- Apr. 22 3rd Quarter Iowa District Conference, Des Moines.
- Apr. 29 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 10 a.m

Birthdays

- 3/2 JERYL UNDERWOOD#, 3/2 WARD CHAMBERS
- 3/8 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 3/11 KENNETH GRAHAM,
- 3/20 JON JACOBSEN

Anniversaries

- 3/4 GENE SERAN#, 3/8 KEITH DENTON#
- 3/15 DICK BABER, 3/15 JEFF NELSON
- # recognized to date