



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning April 1, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JOHN SCHMITT has arranged for Denise Woods to speak about contemporary chiropractic treatment methods. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 3/25 there were 22 members and three guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. GARY GUTTAU led the devotional prayer.

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

The 43rd anniversary of JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT was recognized as he put a dollar in the youth fund. TIM GREINER added a dollar as his son was noted in the papers again for his achievements. JEFF JORGENSEN contributed a dollar to recognize that someone else dropped a twenty in the endowment collection. GARY GUTTAU put in a dollar to advertise the Master Gardner's Conference in Council Bluffs on April 1.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER noted that the Treynor High School Jerome Howe Relays is scheduled at 5 p.m. on April 3. Club members are asked to help at the gate and to direct parking.

JEFF JORGENSEN reminded everyone of the Club dinner scheduled at The Rose on Sunday.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER stated that twelve 7th graders competed in the local Oratorical Contest. The winners of the girl's group were Taylor Clark, 1st; Kaitlin Floerchinger, 2nd; and Morgan Jacobsen, 3rd. The winners of the boy's group were Taylor Sklenor, 1st; Mitchell Godfrey, 2nd; and Clayton Long, 3rd. Taylor Clark and Taylor Sklenor represented our Club in the zone competition at Griswold. Taylor Sklenor will next compete in the regional contest in Council Bluffs. All the contestants prepared a 4 to 5 minute speech on the topic "My Future is Bright Because ..."

LARRY KRAMER discussed the progress of new club building with DICK BABER at Lamoni, IA. They will be visiting there again April 1.

GARY GUTTAU noted the Zone meeting is Monday evening at Zion Church. It is an opportunity to learn about the activities of our neighboring Optimist clubs and of the Iowa District activity.

LARRY KRAMER announced the Community Signs Committee would meet on the 28th at City Hall, 7 p.m.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced there would be a Board meeting after the next Club meeting.

About 25 Optimist members and guests attended the recognition dinner at The Rose on the 26th. Lt. Governor Raymond Butt of Griswold was guest

P.S. The rural pastor received a call from an I.R.S. agent, inquiring about a \$5,000 contribution claimed by a member of the congregation. The investigator asked, "Did Mr. Roberts give that amount?"

The pastor thought to himself a moment and then replied, "I really can't say just now, but if you will check back with me tomorrow, I'm sure the answer will be yes."

speaker. Past President JEFF JORGENSEN thanked past Board members, officers, and members for their work at Club activities last year. Those present who were recognized included KATHY and JOHN SCHMITT, RICHARD VORTHMANN, BOB HIBBARD, GARY FUNKHOUSER, LES and MILLI HARVEY, and LARRY KRAMER. KRAMER was awarded the President's Citation as the Outstanding Optimist Club Member of 2004-2005.

POLITICAL LINKS TO OUR COMMUNITY

Iowa State Senator, Hubert Houser; Iowa State Representative candidate Greg Forristall; and US Senator Grassley's Western IA Regional Director, Donna Berry spoke to Club members about various issues at the state and national levels. Forristall is running for state representative office to replace Gerald Jones who stated he was retiring. Forristall stated he was most concerned about economic development and retention of Iowa university graduates to facilitate that development. Berry explained she is the contact for Sen. Grassley for a 14 county region of western IA, and is located in Council Bluffs. She noted that Sen. Grassley plans to be in the area during the last two weeks of April. Senator Houser stated the legislature is working to close out the current session by the middle of April. Since there will be a new governor and new legislators next term they are trying to wrap up some more pressing issues and letting others coast. According to Houser, the primary issues of ongoing efforts relate to gambling, renewable fuels, eminent domain, child abuse, and appropriation increases.

CALENDAR

March Can Collections for Treynor Music Boosters

Mar. 29 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.

April Can Collections for Boy Scouts High Adventure Trip

- Apr. 1 Club meeting, program by Denise Woods. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Apr. 3 Jerome Howe Relays, 5 p.m.
- Apr. 8 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Apr. 12 Can and bottle sorting.
- Apr. 20 Preparation for Arbor Day.
- Apr. 21 Arbor Day at Elementary School.
- Apr. 22 3rd Quarter Iowa District Conference and Optimist International President's Visit, Des Moines.
- Apr. 26 Can and bottle sorting.
- Apr. 29 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 10 a.m.

Birthdays

4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS, 4/28 GENE SERAN
4/30 BILL MATTHEW

Anniversaries

4/4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT#, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN
4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG
recognized to date