



# 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 April 22, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JOHN SCHMITT has arranged for Craig Olsen to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 4/15 there were 24 members and one guest present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BOB ABBOTT led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to VIRGIL HOLST. The attendance pot was awarded to LARRY KRAMER

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced the Iowa District will have a booth at the 2006 Iowa State Fair. A \$30 assessment will be included with the District dues statement.

Thanks to KEVIN and JERYL UNDERWOOD, and BOB HIBBARD for helping the Boy Scouts with the recent can and bottle sorting.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER noted that there are two track meets coming up next Monday and Tuesday and volunteers are needed to help with parking and to collect the entry fee.

The annual Arbor Day activity at the Elementary School is this coming week. JOHN KLEIN has arranged for seven trees to be planted by fifth grade students with our supervision. The activity will start on Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> by digging holes in preparation for the tree planting on Friday. Volunteers are needed along with the tools for the tasks- digging, setting, watering, staking, mulching, and cleaning up. The Council Bluffs Recycle Center is providing the mulch and VIRGIL HOLST has offered steel posts for staking. The Thursday activity will begin at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Elementary School. The Friday activity will begin at 12:30 after lunch.

LARRY KRAMER reported on preparations for the annual Bike Safety Day. This event is actually planned over a two day period this year. On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> a State Highway Patrol officer will conduct an assembly at the Elementary School to present bicycle riding safety issues regarding rules-of-the-road and use of safety helmets. On Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> we will conduct the skills riding course. This also includes bike and safety gear inspection. KRAMER circulated a sign up sheet outlining the many tasks.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reminded members about the third quarter Iowa District Conference next Saturday.

### WORKING ADVENTURE AT THE SOUTH POLE

Bill Riley is a plumber by trade who grew up in Council Bluffs. He dreamed about the South Pole as a kid and finally he had an opportunity to go there. Riley spoke to Club members about his four month tour of work at the South Pole. He found on an

P.S. "The weather here in Florida is wonderful," said the retired lady. "How do you tell summer from winter?" she asked the hotel clerk. Replied the clerk: "In winter we get Cadillacs, Lincolns and stuffed shirts. In summer we get Chevrolets, Fords and stuffed shorts."

Internet posting a need for plumbers to work on a South Pole construction project. The Raytheon Polar Services Company is building a new research facility for the U.S. there. Riley was chosen to join the work crew as a contract employee for the summer work season of 2003-2004, which was during the winter season here. Because of the severe and continuous cold conditions, Riley explained, it takes three times longer to get work done. Furthermore, it takes the effort of ten people to support one research scientist working there. Also, because of cold temperatures, tools don't perform as expected. Riley stated the construction project was on the ice at an elevation of about 10,000 ft above sea level and the ice under them was about 9,000 ft thick over bedrock. The continent of Antarctica is larger than the U.S. even during the summer season, Riley noted, and the atmosphere is very dry. It has continuous sunshine for 6 months when much of the work there can be done, and it has the cleanest air on earth. It is ideal for astronomy and environmental research and earthquake monitoring. There are thirteen nations that have a presence in work at the South Pole. Riley said he would go back again, except for the long duration of being away from family.

### CALENDAR

#### April Can Collections for Boy Scouts High Adventure Trip

- Apr. 20 Preparation for Arbor Day. Dig holes, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 21 Arbor Day at Elementary School. Set trees 12:30 p.m.
- Apr. 22 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Iowa District Conference and Optimist International President's Visit, Des Moines.
- Apr. 22 Club meeting, program by Craig Olsen.
- Apr. 24 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- Apr. 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 28 Bike Safety Program, Elementary School, Highway Patrol Officer Scott Miller.
- Apr. 29 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Apr. 29 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 10 a.m.

#### April Can Collections for Optimists Scholarships

- May 1 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- May 6 Club meeting at Treynor High School, program by Shelly Bailey, breakfast provided by LES and MILLI HARVEY.
- Board meeting after the Club meeting.
- May 7 Youth Appreciation Celebration.
- May 8 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- May 13 Club meeting, program by KELLY MCGOWEN.

#### 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