



# 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 29, 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 4/22 there were 24 members and one guest present. LARRY KRAMER was representing our Club at the District Conference in Des Moines. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JEFF JORGENSEN led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN KLEIN. The attendance pot was awarded to DOREEN MAYBERRY

JOHN KLEIN reported on the completion of the annual Arbor Day project with the Treynor 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Six Autumn Blaze Maple trees and one Serviceberry tree were planted near the elementary school this year. Thanks to KEITH DENTON for use of his tractor, to VIRGIL HOLST for providing the support posts, and to JOHN and Carol KLEIN, BILL VORTHMANN, GARY GUTTAU, BOB HIBBARD, DALE WILLENBORG, TERESA FAHRENKRUG, LARRY KRAMER, and Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER for assisting with the hole digging and supervision of the student teams as they planted the trees. Sponsors of the trees this year were Pheasants Forever, T-Bank, IA Dept. of Natural Resources, the IA Master Gardeners and our Optimist Club. KLEIN noted that we have set a total of 65 trees on the school grounds since 2000.

GARY GUTTAU contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund in recognition to JOHN KLEIN'S good work with the Arbor Day project.

Thanks to Pres. FUNKHOUSER, BOB HIBBORD, RICHARD VORTHMANN, JUDY GUTTAU and LARRY KRAMER for working the gate and assisting with parking at the Treynor High track meets last week.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced a Board Meeting on May 6. An election of new officers and Board members for the next Optimist year is planned.

JOHN KLEIN noted that the Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic was starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> and he expected a large number of participants.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced details for the upcoming Youth Appreciation Celebration. It will be held on May 7 at Zion Church, 3 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. A reception with refreshments will be held after the recognitions and presentations. Member help is needed to host the reception. Contact TERESA FAHRENKRUG to ask how you can help.

The upcoming Bike Safety Day activities will start on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> with a lecture and video presentation to an assembly of elementary students by Iowa State Patrol Officer Scott Miller. Also, the bike skills riding course will be marked on the playground that afternoon with assistance from 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Saturday at 10 a.m. the events include registration, bike and equipment inspection, riding skills test at seven stations, drawing for prizes, and refreshments.

P.S. The lady was not aware her drive had taken her into an army maneuvers area. As she approached a small bridge, a sentry stopped her and said, "Sorry, but you can't drive across the bridge. It has just been demolished." Leaving her dumbfounded, for the bridge was in perfect repair, he walked off. As she sat there pondering the possibility that the sentry was insane, another soldier approached. "Young man," she asked, "can you tell me the reason why I can't cross that bridge?" "Lady," he replied soberly, "I can't tell you a thing. I've been dead for two days."

Many helpers are needed to efficiently conduct the activity. Contact LARRY KRAMER to see where you are needed.

### MEETING THE RECRUITMENT CHALLENGE

First Class Sergeant Tim James of Treynor is a full time duty recruiter for the National Guard and Army. Sgt. James said there are about 40 million men and women of age 17 to 40 in the U.S. This is the age bracket for recruitment; however, only half can physically qualify, and another 8 million are not eligible because of legal issues. Sgt. James noted all recruits have to pass qualifying exams and speak English. A high school diploma is not required. Sgt. James stated that recruitment is difficult at present because parents don't want their children to be sent into combat. Most recruiting is focused at the young adult age including older high school students, Sgt. James noted, but some high schools will not allow recruitment on the premises.

Sgt. James explained that the military services are offering historically high incentives for enlistments and re-enlistments. These include medical care, and insurance for spouses and children, additional education for recruit and spouse, and opportunities for recruits to advance to officer training. Sgt. James stated that there are substantial re-enlistment bonuses offered to keep highly trained personnel in the military service and for some specialties the bonus can be as high as \$20,000

### CALENDAR

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

- Apr. 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 28 Bike Safety Program, Elementary School, Highway Patrol Officer Scott Miller, 2 p.m.
- Apr. 29 Club meeting, program by Craig Olsen.
- Apr. 29 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 10 - 12 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, Zion Church, 3 p.m.
- May 8 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- May 13 Club meeting, program by KELLY MCGOWEN.
- May 20 Club meeting, program TBA.
- May 27 Club meeting, program by Tom Johnson

#### 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

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