



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 June 17, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JEFF JORGENSEN has invited noted climatologist Dr. Elwynn Taylor from Iowa State University to speak. Dr. Taylor is a well know speaker on long term weather variability and the plant response to weather conditions. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 6/10 there were 23 members and three guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. DENNIS WHITE led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to DICK BABER. The attendance pot was awarded to BILL MATTHEW, but it could not be collected.

JIM CLAUSEN contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund in celebration of his grand daughter's third birthday. GERALD FORRISTALL added a dollar in recognition of the success of his son, Greg, in winning the primary election.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER read thank-you notes received from scholarship recipients Jessica Kiefer and Luann Hansen. Another recipient, Blair Hartigan, personally thanked Club members for his scholarship. Hartigan is planning to attend Iowa University and study business.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER also read a thank-you noted from Treynor High School Principal JOEL BOLKENS. BOLKENS expressed appreciation for our Club assistance at athletic field events and auditorium programs, and general support of youth.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER noted several events this summer in need of volunteers. Carson, IA is celebrating their 125 year anniversary during June 23 – 25. They would like some 'out-of-town' volunteers to help judge their beard contest on the 23rd, and the Soap Box Derby on the 24th. Also, Carsen is having a fund raising 'Texas Hold-Em' tournament on July 15 for their new community center. They need dealers, and will arrange for training by a casino dealer..

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reminded Club members about the request to help serve meals at Camp Quality one day during the June 21-25 period.

The Iowa District Optimists will have a booth at the Iowa State Fair, August 10-20. Volunteers are needed to man the booth during three hour periods from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Governor Jim Boyd needs names of interested Optimists to fill out the time slots.

Dick Baber reported that Governor Jim Boyd said the sign-up of new Optimist members at Lamoni, IA had begun, and a new club was expected to be formed by the end of June.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER noted the can and bottle sorting with the base ball team on the 14th would be at 3 p.m. to accommodate a ball game later in the day.

JOHN KLEIN announced the summer library reading program sponsored by the Treynor Junior Women

would start on the 12th. Every Monday at the Treynor Elementary School lunch room, 9:30-11:30 a.m., books from the Area Education Agency, will be available to loan out.

LARRY KRAMER reminded all about the upcoming meeting at the Treynor Community Center on the 20th to vote on the preferred highway welcome sign design.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reminded everyone of the need to arrange for Bingo prizes at the Treynor Days activity on August 19.

Ten Board members meet after the Club meeting to discuss club business. Treasurer RICHARD VORTHMANN reported Club assets of \$10,822 plus an Endowment balance of \$1690. Motion was approved to support participation of two Treynor youth in the Iowa District Junior Golf Tournament (\$190 maximum). The second draft of the Can Kennel Operations agreement with the City of Treynor was reviewed. Questions of liability insurance remain.

GATHERING THE NEWS

Tom McMahon is one of seven reporters gathering news and information for the Council Bluffs newspaper, The Daily Non-Pareil. McMahon explained that he and Nicole Weis seek news stories within a 10 county area of southwestern Iowa served by the newspaper. He concentrates on counties north and east of Pottawattamie. McMahon noted there are also Non-Pareil reporters for business, education, law enforcement and courts, health and social services, and politics. The Non-Pareil was established in 1857 by the Republican Party, a common practice then to get political views publicized. Today, McMahon noted, there are many communication modes and the papers are generally more balanced in political news. McMahon has been a news reporter for about three years after a career in social work. He said he is especially interested in rural community development. The Non-Pareil is an afternoon paper, so McMahon said his story deadline is 9 a.m. and he is usually working on three to five stories each day.

CALENDAR

June Can Collections for Baseball Field Improvement

- June 14 Can and bottle sorting, 3 p.m.
- June 17 Club meeting, program by Iowa State Climatologist Elwynn Taylor, 7:30 a.m.
- June 20 City highway welcome sign design vote, Community Center, 7-9 p.m.
- June 24 Club meeting, program by Douglas County Attorney Stu Dorman
- June 28 Can and bottle sorting.

July Can Collections for Girl Scouts Birthdays

- 6/5 BOB ABBOTT# 6/9 LES HARVEY#
- 6/20 JEFF JORGENSEN, 6/22 KEVIN ELWOOD

Anniversaries

- 6/1 KEVIN ELWOOD, 6/3 ARLYN NORRIS#
- 6/5 STEVE IRVIN, 6/15 STEVE CHAMBERS
- 6/26 LARRY KRAMER, 6/28 MICK GUTTAU
- # recognized to date

P.S. Old lady: Do you remember when we were first married and you used to take my hand and kiss me on the cheek and then you'd kind of nibble on my ear?

Old man: You bet. Let me go and get my teeth.

