



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 July 1, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU is arranging for a speaker. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 6/24 there were 25 members and two guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. STEVE IRVIN led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JIM CLAUSEN. The attendance pot was awarded to LARRY KRAMER, but it could not be collected.

There were lots of reasons for members to contribute to the Youth Fund for bragging rights. STEVE and Debra IRVIN had their 30th wedding anniversary. JEFF JORGENSEN contributed for his birthday, his wife's birthday, and their dog's birthday. They all are on consecutive days. TIM GRIENER'S daughter, Danielle, received the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society Scholarship. GEORGE SCHNEIDER has a new great-granddaughter, and BILL and RICHARD VORTHMANN have a new grandson and great-grandson, respectively.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER introduced guests Lillie Schneider and Carl Garaffa. Carl submitted his Club membership application. Carl is a computer system designer for router systems and wireless networks. His wife Ellen is librarian for Treynor Schools.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reported that Nathen Zimmerman represented Treynor well in the Iowa Optimist Junior Golf Tournament.

Dick Baber reported that eighteen of the required twenty five members for a new Optimist club at Lamoni have signed up. The club pre-organizing meeting is scheduled on July 13.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reported that the IRS was still reviewing the application of Optimist International for 501.c.3 non-profit status. This process has been going on for more than two years.

Gate workers are needed at Westfair on Thursday July 27. We have two three-hour shifts to cover. Let Pres. Funkhouser know when you are available.

Iowa District Optimist Governor Jim Boyd is requesting club photos to display at the state fair booth as well as volunteers to man the booth during the fair, August 10-20.

Pres. Funkhouser announced the next can and bottle sorting with the high school base ball team is Wednesday the 28th at 3 p.m.

After the Club meeting next week there will be a Board meeting. One of agenda items is planning for Treynor Days. Bingo prizes are needed.

FIGHTING CRIME IN THE BIG CITY

Stu Dornan described to Club members his efforts combating the consequences of drug use and crime

P.S. Judge Brady looked down from the bench and noticed an all-to-familiar figure in handcuffs. "It seems to me that you've been in this court a good many times in the past 20 years," he said sternly. "I have your honor," replied the defendant, "and I'm kind of disappointed in you. I figured by now you'd be governor."

in the Omaha area. As Attorney of Douglas County, NE, he is in the front line of law enforcement efforts there. Dornan, a native of Long Island, NY, has lived in Omaha for over 20-yr. He explained he came to Omaha as a FBI agent expecting to move from city to city, but decided to stay in Omaha to raise a family.

Dornan stated the proliferation of drugs, guns, and gangs in Omaha can be traced to the 1980s when The Bloods and Crypts gangs expanded from California. Drugs are their commodity and they initially give it away to get customers hooked. Gangs expand their territory by intimidation and threats and guns are primary instruments. Dornan stated that is not hard to identify drug dealers, but it is hard to convict them because most of the witnesses are also criminals. Witnesses need a motivation to testify. That could be a deal with the prosecutor on their charges. They could be put in a witness protection program, but they often have no marketable skills with which to earn income and establish a new life and often revert to crime.

Dornan said his goal is to get any gang member off the street, if even for minor crimes. A child who spends his life in crime costs society about one million dollars. It costs nearly thirty thousand dollars for one year in jail. Substance abuse and mental health problems are better treated in shelters and health facilities than in jails.

Dornan encouraged each of us to mentor youth who lack parental guidance. Many youth who use drugs come from single-parent or un-involved parent families. He urged more support for stricter laws related to domestic violence. Currently something drastic has to happen before the police can respond. Dornan also urged more training requirements on the use of firearms

CALENDAR

June Can Collections for Baseball Field Improvement

June 28 Can and bottle sorting, 3 p.m.

July Can Collections for Girl Scouts

July 1 Club meeting, program TBA.
Board meeting after Club meeting.

July 8 Club meeting, program TBA.

July 12 Can and bottle sorting, 3 p.m.

July 13 Lamoni Optimist club pre-organization meeting, Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m.

July 15 Club meeting, program TBA.

July 17 Lamoni club organization meeting.

July 27 Westfair Gate 12N – 6 p.m.

August Can Collections for Cheer Leaders

Aug. 10-20 IA State Fair Booth.

Aug. 19-20 Treynor Days

Birthdays

7/14 GARY GUTTAU, 7/14 WES NELSON

7/23 JERRY HEMPEL, 7/27 JIM CLAUSEN

Anniversaries

7/14 JEFF JORGENSEN

recognized to date

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