



# 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 at 7:20 a.m. Saturday morning July 15, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has arranged for County Supervisor Loren Knauss to speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

### REPORT OF 7/1 CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 7/1 there were 20 members and one guest present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BOB HIBBARD led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to DICK BABER. The attendance pot was awarded to JEFF JORGENSEN.

MILLI HARVEY contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights because she and Les were asked to be honorary grandparents at a wedding. JOHN SCHMITT contributed for having his picture taken and mailed to him. Unfortunately, it was a speeding camera taking the picture.

DICK BABER and Pres. FUNKHOUSER flew to Lamoni for planning for a new Optimist club there. The club pre-organizing meeting is scheduled on July 13.

Thanks to JEFF JORGENSEN, GERALD FORRISTALL, and JOHN SCHMITT for helping at the Soap Box Derby in Carson last Saturday. Everyone enjoyed the activity and the Club received a thank-you letter for our efforts.

Thanks also to JERYL and KEVIN UNDERWOOD, LES and MILLI HARVEY, BOB HIBBARD, and Pres FUNKHOUSER for helping the baseball team with can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel.

### REPORT OF 7/8 CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 7/8 there were 25 members and two guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. DALE WILLENBORG led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to VIRGIL HOLST. The attendance pot was also awarded to HOLST. Believe he was headed for the casino after the meeting.

Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from LINNEA WHITE for having her peach orchard produce fruit for the first time, and from JERRY HEMPEL for the 4th in the state ranking of the Treynor girl's softball team.

DICK BABER reported 21 members have signed up so far for the Lamoni club. JOHN KLEIN is planning to attend the pre-organization meeting July 13.

Pres. Funkhouser reminded members about the need to collect Bingo prizes for Treynor Days. Thanks to JOHN KLEIN for vendor gift certificates he solicited.

### STUDENT LIFE AT ISD

John Cool, the Director of Student Life at the Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD), Council Bluffs, spoke to Club members about his work there. Cool explained that ISD had 110 children in the school last year, ages two and above. They also provide services for an additional 77 students in other area schools. They have about 12 students in pre-school and 8-12 in most grades. Sixteen students graduated last year, with seven expected to graduate next year and 12-13 the following year. About 60% of the children at ISD have other issues, such as health or mental problems. Most graduates go on to college, but a large percentage do not graduate. There are currently 22 deaf students at IWCC. Cool noted that one of the best programs at ISD is that students there can access any classes at Lewis Central School through an agreement with that school. Interpreters are provided for the students through ISD.

There are about 500 deaf students in mainstream schools in Iowa. Cool said that ISD focuses on families. For most

deaf children, their parents do not develop good communications skills for speaking to children. Therefore, when students come to the campus and get adjusted there, they really enjoy the environment because everyone is friendly and communicative. For some children, it takes them a year to adjust to ISD, but afterwards they do not want to leave.

Cool said that children want consistency. Families are a big part of ISD programs. Students are all bussed to their home at least once a month. ISD also has five bus routes to various parts of the state every Friday and Sunday where parents can meet the bus and have their child at home for the weekend. Since ISD is a school, they have a regular nine month school program with children at home for the summer.

Cool noted that ISD is adequately funded from state and federal sources. ISD has a new \$8.7M multipurpose recreation/sports/meeting facility that is used by about 1100 visitors each month.

### REPRESENTING THE STATE AT TRIAL FOR US

As the Pottawattamie County Attorney, Matt Wilber supervises a staff of thirteen lawyers plus support staff who keep track of about 6000 cases a year. WILBER explained that most of the cases are misdemeanors and are dismissed before coming to trial. Less than one percent of all cases actually go to trial. WILBER noted the state wins about 85% of the cases in trial. WILBER stated that felony trials have increased and misdemeanor trials have decreased in recent years. Currently there are about 1000 open cases that the County Attorney's staff is processing. WILBER noted that this is appreciably less than a peak of 1400 in the past. WILBER explained this is the result of working to resolve cases faster, fewer charges from a shrinking police force, and work associated with major cases. Over the past several months there have been several cases that have drawn national media attention. WILBER said that he has been interviewed by several national media and as a spokesman for the State of Iowa, and he has to be careful of what he can say about a case. He noted that it is easier to discuss a case under investigation compared to one with charges pending against an individual. The current case of the skeleton found in a barrel is requiring much effort to identify the remains WILBER explained. It has been identified as age 24 - 35 and female. DNA evidence is still being processed at the state laboratory. WILBER noted that missing persons reports often do not exist because it is not a crime to run away. Also, there is no comprehensive data base for missing persons who are reported.

### CALENDAR

#### July Can Collections for Girl Scouts

- July 12 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- July 13 Lamoni Optimist club pre-organization meeting, Community of Christ Church, 5:30 p.m.
- July 15 Club meeting, program by Loren Knauss
- July 17 Lamoni club organization meeting.
- July 22 Club meeting, program TBA.
- July 27 Westfair Gate 12N - 6 p.m.

#### August Can Collections for Cheer Leaders

- Aug. 10-20 IA State Fair Optimist 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

P.S. Very few things upset my wife and it makes me feel special to be one of them.

Thanks to Dale Willenborg for 7/1 Newsletter notes.

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