



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 22, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has arranged for Treynor High School Baseball Coach Robert Mantell to speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF 7/15 CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 7/15 there were 23 members and two guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. DICK BABER led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to KEVIN UNDERWOOD. The attendance pot was awarded to JOHN SCHMITT, but it was not collected.

Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from GARY GUTTAU in recognition of his 70th birthday. Also, JIM CLAUSEN contributed for the 1st birthday of his grand daughter.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER stated the agreement with the City of Treynor for operation of the Can Kennel was finalized. Also, certificates of liability insurance have been obtained from the company providing the insurance for Optimist International.

LARRY KRAMER reported the community committee for highway welcome signs was shifting to discussions of fund raising now that the design had been chosen.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER circulated a thank you note from Trisha Trotter for the scholarship she received and other activities our Club did for youth.

DICK BABER reported that members of the Lamoni, IA community had a pre-organizational meeting to form on Optimist Club with JOHN KLEIN in attendance. The formal organization is scheduled July 17. LARRY KRAMER and BOB HIBBARD volunteered to attend the meeting.

Thanks go to JERYL, MARSHA, and KEVIN UNDERWOOD, LES HARVEY, BOB HIBBARD, JOHN KLEIN, LARRY KRAMER, RICHARD VORTHMANN and Pres FUNKHOUSER for working with the recent can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel

Now is the time to register and plan to attend the Iowa District Optimist Convention in Marshalltown the second weekend of August. See the district web site for details. www.iowaoptimist.org

THE VALUE OF A COLD BOTTLE OF WATER

Loren Knauss spoke to Club members about his experience volunteering for Red Cross disaster aid last year after hurricane Katrina hit the New Orleans region. As Chairman of the Pottawattamie County Supervisors, Knauss has a keen sense of what a community needs to do to be ready for natural disasters. From first hand observations at New

Orleans, Knauss observed the biggest problem leading to the disaster after the hurricane was the lack of planning and preparation. Knauss noted he has been a Red Cross volunteer since 1990 and has been involved in several post disaster events including the New York Trade Towers destruction. His work in New Orleans was directed toward arrangement of shelter, safety, and security of victims of the hurricane and subsequent flooding. Knauss reported for duty a day after the hurricane and meet hundreds of people walking the roads away from New Orleans as he drove into the heart of the disaster. There seemed to be no alternative to them except to leave their home and neighborhoods. Knauss said his team worked to set up shelters where ever people congregated. One abandoned school was used even though it had no water or toilet service.

Knauss stated that a very valuable commodity was a cold bottle of water. It not only is immediate relief of thirst and helps to gain trust of distressed victims, but it is valuable for bartering for other needs. Parish sheriff departments were very important for maintaining civil order Knauss noted. Churches were extremely important for providing help to the people. Only local services can respond immediately to disasters, especially if they are prepared for it, Knauss noted. State and federal services won't likely be there for days or weeks later.

Knauss stated the Red Cross is working to train a Disaster Reserve to provide supervision and leadership during disaster relief efforts. He encouraged everyone to volunteer. Workers are needed in the field and in the office during relief times. Knauss offered that our county and community are better prepared for disasters, but preparation is ongoing. Better communications are needed across all departmental groups.

CALENDAR

July Can Collections for Girl Scouts

- July 22 Club meeting, program by Bob Mantell.
- July 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- July 27 Westfair Gate 12N – 6 p.m.
- July 29 Club meeting, program TBA.

August Can Collections for Cheer Leaders

- Aug. 5 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Aug. 10-20 IA State Fair Optimist Booth.
- Aug. 12. Iowa District Convention, Marshalltown, IA
- Aug. 12 Club meeting, program by retired Black Bird pilot.
- Aug. 19 Treynor Days Bingo.

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. A man is feeling poorly, so he goes to see his doctor. After numerous tests the doc says, "I'm sorry, but you have an incurable condition and there is nothing more I can do for you." The man pleads with the doctor to suggest anything he might do to improve his condition, and the doctor then suggests that he go the spa and take a daily mud bath. "Is there any hope for a cure?" the man asked. "No", says the doctor, "but it will help you get used to dirt covering you."

