



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA **NEWSLETTER**
Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

F The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning November 12, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. **ARLYN NORRIS** will be speaking about his trip to Tanzania. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

R At the Club meeting on 11/5 there were 24 members and two guests present. V. Pres. **GARY GUTTAU** opened the brief meeting by leading the pledge. **ARLYN** led the devotional prayer

I The 50/50 was awarded to **JERYL UNDERWOOD**. The attendance pot was awarded to **DENNIS WHITE**, but it could not be collected.

E Guest **Dick Baber** from Council Bluffs was introduced.

N Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from several members. **JIM CLAUSEN'S** mother celebrated her 94th birthday. **DALE** and **Dianne Willenborg** had an anniversary (They met at a dorm party at college). V. Pres. **GARY** added a dollar for the Treynor High volleyball team which qualified for state competition. **GERALD FORRISTALL** added a dollar for his grandson who is playing football on an outstanding team that could end up in a state tournament.

D Zone 3 Lt. Governor **Raymond Butt** from Griswold spoke about the status of Optimist Clubs in our local zone. He noted the Avoca club was disbanding due to the lack of member participation and leadership. Lt. Governor **Butt** commended our club for outstanding work with youth and the community through our active members and various projects. He announced a Zone meeting on Monday November 28 at UMBA Hall in Underwood. The meeting will start with a light supper at 6:30 p.m. **Butt** noted the first Internet version of the Iowa District Optimist news was distributed recently. It can be found at the website www.iowaoptimist.org. Those without Internet service can request a copy through the postal mail.

O **LES HARVEY** announced a Veteran's Day Celebration at Treynor High School at 10:30 a.m. Friday November 9. An honor guard from Council Bluffs National Guard will provide part of the program. All veterans and the general public are invited.

F V. Pres. **GARY** noted that Optimist International has offered to provide a new roadside to clubs. Our current signs along Highway 92 are over twenty years old and a little faded.

Y **ARLYN** distributed a signup sheet for the meeting devotional prayer.

O The next can and bottle sorting with the Octagon Club will be November 16 at 5:45 p.m. to accommodate youth church activities later in the evening. **JOHN KLEIN** announced that the plastic bags for can and bottle sorting were running low and new bags are backordered (Maybe a consequence of

T P.S. Wives are like baseball umpires—they make quick decisions, never reverse themselves, and they don't think you are safe when you're out.

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hurricane Katrina). He will provide alternative bags until the order comes through.

DALE volunteers at Santa's Workshop in Macedonia. He said they are in need of many volunteers to prepare for the Christmas season. Call **DALE** for details (366-6815).

Pres. **GARY FUNKHOUSER** has scheduled a Board Meeting after the next Club meeting.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned Pheasants Forever cap provided by **JOHN K. KEITH DENTON** is the winning wearer. **JOHN K.** noted that Pheasants Forever is working to set aside open land for wildlife and recreation and needs support from Club members.

THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY THAN PRISON

Retired Judge **Keith Burgett** of Council Bluffs spoke to Club members about his experiences during 25 years on the bench. As judge of the 4th judicial district of Iowa, **Burgett** said his experiences have made him concerned about the way the judicial system and penal system is operating. The cost of litigation and operating prisons is consuming an appreciable part of the budget of state and local governments. The cost per inmate in Iowa prisons is \$24000 per year. Furthermore 70% of prison inmates are there for drug related offenses. **Burgett** suggested that we really need to put the resources in better drug treatment programs. He ran a local drug court with a 75% success in getting addicts to stop drugs and become useful citizens. He alcohol, drug and gambling addictions are sickness that can be treated outside of prisons. **Burgett** said felons who want court appointed attorneys should prove they don't have the resources to hire someone. He asked to see their tax returns, but no one ever came back to him with the evidence. Most judges don't even try to get felons to buy their own attorney services, but appoint public attorneys at taxpayer expense.

CALENDAR

November Can Collections for Octagon Club

- Nov. 12 Club meeting, program by **ARLYN NORRIS** about his African mission trip.
Board meeting after the Club meeting.
- Nov. 16 Can and bottle sorting, 5:45 p.m.
- Nov. 19 Club meeting, program by **Kenneth Koehler**, Red Cross Volunteer.
- Nov. 26 Club meeting, program by **TODD GORDON**, Treynor Schools Athletic Director.
- Nov. 28 Zone 3 Meeting, Underwood, UMBA Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 30 Can and bottle sorting, 5:45 p.m.

Birthdays

- 10/17 **MARSHA UNDERWOOD#**
- 10/29 **BILL VORTHMANN**

Anniversaries

- 10/17 **DENNIS WHITE#**
- # recognized to date

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