



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 19, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. LES HARVEY has arranged for Kenneth Koehler to speak about his experience with Red Cross services in Louisiana after Katrina. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

**REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING**

**R** At the Club meeting on 11/12 there were 17 members present. Past Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BOB HIBBARD led the devotional prayer

**I** The 50/50 was awarded to MILLI HARVEY. The attendance pot was awarded to LARRY KRAMER, but it could not be collected.

**E** GEORGE SCHNEIDER contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund to tell about his grandson making three touchdowns in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter for Wayne State to win their football game.

**N** LARRY recognized BOB for achieving the 6<sup>th</sup> level of the Personal Growth and Involvement program (P.G.I.). This is a program for individuals to learn and grow with Optimism through 10 levels of achievement with focus on attendance, activity, growth, communications, knowledge of the organization, and self development. Next month the Iowa District P.G.I. Chair Barbara Robertson will speak about the benefits of this program for individuals and for our Club.

**D** The next can and bottle sorting will be this Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> with the Octagon Club at 5:45 p.m.

**O** Past Pres. JEFF opened the Board meeting with seven members present. A motion to support attendance of Katy Hempel at the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Camp (\$150) was approved. A motion to approve expenses for the breakfast for football players (\$95.30) was accepted. A motion to purchase six O.I. caps was approved. Past Pres. JEFF announced our club had met the requirements of Honor Club last year. A motion to pay O.I. dues was accepted. Treas. RICHARD VORTHMANN noted that O.I. would pay \$100 toward new road signs. New sign costs will be determined. Arrangements for the decorating the Community Christmas tree were discussed. The need for a chair for the Spaghetti Supper was discussed. The Annual Club Planning Conference report was completed.

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**A MISSION IN TANGANYIKA**

St. Paul Lutheran pastor ARLYN NORRIS spoke to Club members about a mission trip to Tanganyika, Africa earlier this year. He and his wife, Wanda, joined a group of 13 from western Iowa on a three-week trip to establish communications with church leaders in this eastern Africa country on the Indian Ocean. ARLYN explained that Lutherans in the U.S. had combined resources to help the fast growing Lutheran church in Tanganyika. Their group interacted with local church leaders in the southern provinces of Tanganyika. There the church has concentrated on providing educational resources, medical supplies, and water supply wells. ARLYN stated that the country is generally one third Christian, one third Muslim, and one third tribal religions. The government is supportive of the Lutheran efforts as there is much need for education, medical supplies and clean water. Only about 17% of students can pass exams to go on to secondary education. Eighty percent of diseases afflicting the people come from surface waters. ARLYN explained the Lutheran Church has placed a well drilling rig in the region to construct wells for clean water. Also the church has purchased a rice plantation to establish a girl's school. ARLYN said one of the purposes of their trip was to participate in the dedication of the new school. The people of Tanganyika were very welcoming and thankful, ARLYN noted. He is looking forward to an opportunity to return.

**CALENDAR**

**November Can Collections for Octagon Club**

- 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.
- Dec. 3 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec. 10 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Board meeting after club meeting.
- Dec. 17 Club meeting, program by Barbara Robertson, Iowa District Optimist Chair of P.G.I.

**Birthdays**

- 11/5 GENE GRELL 11/8 MICK GUTTAU
- 11/25 KATHY SCHMITT

**Anniversaries**

- 11/6 KENNETH GRAHAM 11/22 JOHN KLEIN
- 11/22 LES AND MILLI HARVEY
- 11/25 WARD CHAMBERS
- # recognized to date

P.S. "I have stolen a chicken," the conscience-stricken parishioner said to his rural pastor. "Would you care to have it?"

"Certainly not!" replied the pastor sternly. "I can't accept stolen goods! You must return it to the one from whom you stole it."

"But," said the parishioner, "I have offered it to him and he refused it."

"In that case," the pastor said, "you might as well keep it yourself."

"Thank you, sir," said the man as he hurried away.

When the pastor returned home that evening, he found one of his chickens missing.