



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 December 7, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JERRY HEMPEL, manager of the MidAmerican Energy plant in Council Bluffs will speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 12/2 there were 26 members and two guests present. Vice President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge and offered the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to GARY GUTTAU. The attendance pot was awarded to KATHY SCHMITT, but it could not be collected.

Several contributions to the Youth Fund were received for deeds and distinctions. GARY GUTTAU announced that TIM GREINER'S son Jarrod passed the Eagle Scout requirements. GARY FUNKHOUSER noted that Treynor High was the only school in SW Iowa with a 10 rating by an educational association. JERRY HEMPEL recognized the early season wins of the boys and girls basketball teams, and his daughter was selected as student of the month in grade ten. V. Pres. WILLENBORG announced he attended a band concert at Ames to see his daughter perform. KEITH DENTON took his mother to Memphis to visit her grand daughter.

Thanks to RICHARD and BILL VORTHMANN, BOB HIBBARD, GARY FUNKHOUSER, GARY GUTTAU, and LARRY KRAMER for stringing lights on the Al Strohhorn Memorial Christmas Tree near the high school.

Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, JEFF JORGENSEN, GARY GUTTAU, RICHARD VORTHMANN, and LARRY KRAMER for helping the honor band members with the recent can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel. Can and bottle contributions in the Can Kennel during December and January will be for the Junior class After-the-Prom Committee. JORGENSEN reported that details for a special recognition of the \$50,000 Can Kennel achievement are still being worked out.

LARRY KRAMER reported that publicity about the highway welcome sign project was initiated in newspapers and on the radio. Also posters would be distributed for display in local businesses to introduce the project and provide for individual contributions or pledges. The welcome sign installations will cost about \$40,000 and community fund raising activities are being planned by several adult and youth groups in addition to individual solicitations. With successful fund raising during the coming months, the signs could be installed during the summer of 2007.

Treasurer JORGENSEN stated that Club expenses should be submitted to him with an original receipt and a listing of purpose of the expenses.

P.S. It was a little before Christmas and he was ready to fly back home from the conference. The airport had turned to a tacky red and green, and loudspeakers were blaring annoying elevator renditions of cherished Christmas Carols. Being someone who took Christmas very seriously, and being slightly tired, he was not in a particularly good mood.

While checking in his luggage, he looked up and saw hanging mistletoe. Not real mistletoe, but very cheap green plastic with dabs of red paint and white paint that made it look like mistletoe in a rather abstract way. With a considerable degree of irritation and nowhere else to vent it, he said to the attendant, "Even if I were not married, I would not want to kiss you under such a ghastly mockery of mistletoe."

"Sir, look more closely at where the mistletoe is hanging", said the attendant.

(pause)

"OK, I see is above the luggage scale, which is where you would have to step forward for a kiss," the traveler replied.

"That is not why it's there," the attendant calmly commented.

(pause)

"OK, I give up. Why is it there?" he said.

The attendant explained rather factually, "It's there so you can kiss your luggage goodbye."

V. Pres. WILLENBORG noted that there is a Board meeting scheduled after the next Club meeting.

HEAD BASKETBALL COACH STARTING 1ST SEASON

Treynor Head Basket Ball Coach Scott Rucker is new to the job this season, but he has had experience coaching small college teams before coming to Treynor three years ago. Rucker is also a teacher of science, biology, and physics to Treynor students. Teaching, Rucker noted, is his passion and coaching is his joy. He recently started youth activities in November and December to teach young players basket ball skills and give them some experience on the court. The Cardinal Hoopla group was formed for K to 3rd graders. Also a 4th - 6th grade basketball clinic was organized. Rucker is assisted in his coaching by Travis Castle, Todd Gordon, and Andrew Hopp. Rucker noted the coaching staff demonstrates teamwork as an example to the varsity and junior varsity players. Rucker stated there are 28 players in the 9th - 12th grade group and the varsity team is relatively young. Playing in 2-A competition in the Western Iowa Conference, the team will be challenging this season. To Rucker the basketball experience is an extension of learning for the players. He emphasizes to the players that they personify their community in their conduct on the basket ball court, and he is proud of their determination and effort.

CALENDAR

December Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom.

- Dec. 9 Club meeting, program by JERRY HEMPEL
Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Dec. 13 Can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel.
- Dec. 16 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec. 23 Club meeting, program by Michelle Johnson,
University of Notre Dame Freshman.
- Dec. 27 Can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel.
- Dec. 30 Club meeting, program by Gary Schuler,
Treynor's Varsity Wrestling Coach

January Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom.

Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL,
- 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD

Anniversaries

- 12/21 WES NELSON, 12/26 CARL GARAFFA,
- 12/27 GARY GUTTAU
- # recognized to date

