



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 16, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JERRY HEMPEL has arranged for Treynor girls basketball and volleyball coach Gail Hartigan to speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 12/9 there were 25 members and one guest present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting with the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT offered the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to TIM GREINER. The attendance pot was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER.

Birthdays were recognized for MICK GUTTAU, TIM GREINER, and GERALD FORRISTALL which prompted their contributions to the Youth Fund. Additionally, FORRISTALL announced his grandson, Kevin, graduated from Morningside College and has a job with Wells Fargo Bank in Omaha. GREINER announced his son Jared passed the Eagle Scout requirement, and he also was selected as one of two from Iowa to participate in the week long U.S. Senate Youth program sponsored by the Randolph Hurst Foundation. The Foundation also awarded Jared a \$5000 scholarship. JOHN KLEIN added a dollar to the Youth Fund to announce the Junior Treynor Women Santa's Visit and Cookie Walk would be held later in the morning starting at 9 a.m.

Pres. GUTTAU announced the next can and bottle sorting would be Wednesday the 13th at 6 p.m. LARRY KRAMER noted the roof for the new Can Kennel structure was nearly completed. Thanks to KRAMER and RICHARD VORTHMANN for helping Perry Vorthmann and Robin Volkens with the construction. KRAMER also related he had an interview with the Daily Nonpareil reporter Nicole Weis regarding the Can Kennel operation and the Treynor Welcome Sign project.

Pres. GUTTAU announced a public meeting with the school board at the high school on the 14th to discuss school expansion plans.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned an Optimist cap, an Optimist bumper sticker, and a box of cookies from Martian's Pastry of Omaha.

Eleven Board members met after the Club meeting to discuss Club business. Treasurer JORGENSEN reported club assets of \$9500 including amounts for Can Kennel reconstruction and current can and bottle redemptions. The Endowment Fund balance is \$1767. Motion was approved to increase the funding of the Cub Scout Pack charter fee to \$500. JORGENSEN announced the Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby is scheduled January 26 and 27 to accommodate the large number of participants. They would like assistance with judging car construction and appearance. Motion was approved to conduct a membership recruitment effort in January. LARRY KRAMER, STEVE IRVIN, and DALE WILLENBORG are on the planning committee. The annual renewal of the agreement with the City of Treynor for use of the Community Center was discussed.

MEETING EXPECTATIONS OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE

As Operations Manager of the Council Bluffs MidAmerican Energy plant JERRY HEMPEL spoke to fellow Optimist

Club members about the ongoing efforts of the utility to meet electrical customer expectations. HEMPEL stated the MidAmerican power plants in Iowa and Nebraska have 5500 Megawatt generation capacity. The new generator unit being constructed in Council Bluffs, which should be on line in June of 2007, will add 790 Megawatts or the capacity to serve 650,000 households. The energy to generate electricity comes from several sources, HEMPEL explained. Over half comes from burning coal, because it is the cheaper energy source. About 30% comes from burning natural gas, 9% comes from renewable energy such as wind and plant materials, and 8% comes from nuclear sources. HEMPEL noted that base line electric service is derived from coal and the more expensive energy sources are used for peak electrical load demands. Wind powered electrical generators are increasing in numbers. MidAmerican Energy has two wind farms in Iowa, HEMPEL explained, that have 257 wind turbines combined. Each has a 1.5 Megawatt generation capacity. HEMPEL noted they would not exist without the tax incentives to build them as they now cost about 2 million dollars to install.

HEMPEL described the work to bring better electrical service to the Treynor area. A new power line to town and a new substation under the main transmission line near Quick are being installed. This substation will also provide new electrical service to McClelland and Underwood areas. HEMPEL noted MidAmerican Energy was recognized by being awarded the J. D. Power Founders Award for Customer Service and was named Utility of the Year for 2006. Customer service is a primary focus of the company HEMPEL stated. If electrical service is interrupted customers need to call in to report the problem. MidAmerican Energy has a computerized electrical outage management system and a high volume call-in center that can analyze the problem, but it needs reports from the customers to determine the source of the problem. So, HEMPEL emphasized, don't hesitate to call in a problem (1-800-799-4443) and request a call back. This allows them to fix the problem more efficiently.

CALENDAR

December Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom.

- Dec. 13 Can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Club meeting, program by Gail Hartigan, Volleyball and Basketball Coach.
- Dec. 23 Club meeting, program by Michelle Johnson, University of Notre Dame Freshman.
- Dec. 27 Can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel, 6 p.m..
- 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

P.S. Marveling at a certain employee's ability to sell toothbrushes, the sales department head decided to follow him around one day. He soon observed the salesman choose a busy street corner on which to set up an array of toothbrushes and a small bowl of brownish stuff surrounded by chips. The salesman would approach a likely customer and announce, "Good morning! We are introducing Nifty Chip Dip—would you like a free sample?" Tasting the dip, the bystander would invariably spit it out in disgust and howl, "It tastes like mud!" "It is," the salesman would inform them calmly. "Care to buy a toothbrush?"

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