



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 7:10 a.m. Saturday morning March 24, 2007 in the larger room of the Community Center. There will be a Club meeting before adjourning to the Legion Room where there the Pottawattamie County Republican Party is sponsoring a visit by former Arkansas Governor and current Presidential Candidate Mike Huckabee beginning at 7:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 3/17 there were 19 members and three guests present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting with the pledge. LARRY KRAMER led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN KLEIN for the third time in a row. Too bad JIM CLAUSEN didn't take KLEIN up on his offer to trade tickets before the drawing. The attendance pot was awarded to MARSHA UNDERWOOD, but it could not be collected.

Our prayers for comfort and recovery go out to JERYL UNDERWOOD. His son KEVIN announced that he had been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Also, our prayers go out to DOREEN MAYBERRY who experienced a heart attack last week while visiting her daughter. She is recovering at Creighton Medical Center.

DALE WILLENBORG introduced his wife Dianne and Nancy Puck, niece and daughter of our guest speaker Ben Puck.

Several dollars to the Youth Fund were contributed for achievements of note. BILL VORTHMANN'S niece was chosen Miss Iowa Basketball. STEVE IRVIN'S daughter finished a 2-yr training period at Mutual of Omaha and is now employed there. Pres. GUTTAU noted that Jared Greiner talked about his recent Washington trip on the radio. JOHN KLEIN had a letter to the editor published in the World Herald. KEVIN UNDERWOOD contributed for his dad's birthday.

Thanks to GARY FUNKHOUSER for helping Treynor High host the Western Iowa Conference Quiz Bowl last week. STEVE IRVIN, DENNIS WHITE, JOHN SCHMITT, BOB HIBBARD, and LARRY KRAMER helped to conduct the competition among sixteen teams. The Treynor A team received a first place award, which was the second time in two years of competition.

JOHN KLEIN announced the 2007 Baby Sitting Clinic was arranged and publicity has been distributed. Students of grade 5 and above are encouraged to sign up for the training beginning on April 2 after school in the Elementary School Media Center. The remaining three classes are on April 16, 23, and 30. There is no cost for the instruction given by Mary Kouris of the West Pott. County Extension Service. The Junior Treynor Women are cosponsors of this project.

Thanks to RICHARD VORTHMANN, LES HARVEY, JEFF JORGENSEN, LARRY KRAMER, and Pres. GUTTAU for helping the Dance Team at the last can and bottle sorting.

DALE WILLENBORG noted there is a Granny Basketball game to support Santa's Children Christmas Village in Macedonia at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. WILLENBORG asked for volunteers to help during the event.

JEFF JORGENSEN reminded members of the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday the 18th at the Community Center.

KEEPING THE KIDS ON THE FARM

Ben Puck grew up on a farm near Manning, IA as the youngest of six siblings. Puck said he wanted to farm, but it was difficult to get enough equity together to support his family of four raising a few hogs and cropping a couple hundred acres. He looked around for other agricultural needs and found a demand for hauling manure from confinement facilities. Since 1979 when he began as a partner with his brother Puck has expanded his service until today it is a business with eleven employees who operate in a sixty mile radius from Puck Custom Enterprises facilities near Manning. Puck explained how liquid manure distribution has become more technical due to environmental regulations. Field applications are based on measured nutrient content of the effluent material and soil and cropping practices. Puck Custom Enterprises has developed several patents for specialized equipment to apply liquid manure on field areas. Using GPS technology they can provide a land owner with maps of the application rate across his fields. Manure application is done in spring or fall before or after the cropping season. During the winter, Puck explained, they work to improve their equipment and promote its use at trade shows and on farms in North America. During the summer they have a custom bailing business to fill in between manure application seasons. This expansion of his farming enterprises has provided opportunities for his children to remain on the farm and work in a family business that is different than the common meat and grain production farm.

CALENDAR

March Can Kennel contributions for Dance Team.

- Mar. 24 Club meeting at 7:10 a.m.,
Visit by Mike Huckabee, 7:30 a.m.
- Mar. 28 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 31 Club meeting, program by Orien Hodges.

April Can Kennel contributions for Music Boosters Birthdays

- 3/2 JERYL UNDERWOOD#, 3/2 WARD CHAMBERS
- 3/11 KEN GRAHAM, 3/20 JON JACOBSEN

Anniversaries

- 3/4 GENE SERAN, 3/8 KEITH DENTON#
- 3/15 DICK BABER, 3/15 JEFF NELSON
- # recognized to date

P.S. A sweet little boy surprised his grandmother one morning by bringing her a cup of coffee. He made it himself and was quite proud. He anxiously awaited the verdict on the quality of the coffee. The grandmother had never in her life had such a bad cup of coffee, and as she forced down the last sip, she noticed three little green army guys in the cup. She asked "Honey, why are there three little green army guys in the coffee?" Her Grandson replied, "Grandma, it like on TV where they say, 'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup!'"

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