



**Club Officers for 2008-2009**

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<b>2007-2009</b>	<b>2008-2010</b>
Linea White	Judy Guttau
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Denny White	Eric Allen

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**Report of Recent Club Meeting**

President Dick Baber opened the Optimist Club meeting on April 18 and led the pledge of allegiance. Mick Guttau gave the opening prayer. There were 16 members and one guest present. Gerald Forristall won the 50/50 drawing and the attendance drawing.

Jeff Jorgenson, Mick Guttau, and Gary Funkhouser contributed to the Youth Fund. According to [greatschools.net](http://greatschools.net), Treynor and Harlan received a perfect 10 in school rankings.

For the month of May the Treynor Optimist Club will be meeting in the clubhouse at the Treynor Recreation Association on the East side of Treynor. Breakfast can be purchased around 7:00 a.m. with meetings starting at 7:30 and ending around 8:30.

For the April 25 meeting, Dick Baber opened the meeting and Gary Guttau gave the prayer. Gary Funkhouser and Keith Denton shared jokes. There were 17 members present. Jeff Jorgenson auctioned two Royals tickets for \$3, which goes into the Youth Fund.

Gary Guttau won the 50/50 drawing and Gene Seran won the attendance, but did not collect it. The monthly board meeting will be next Saturday, May 2.

Bicycle Safety will be held on April 30 at the Elementary school with an assembly at 2:30 p.m and the safety course starting after school. The Optimist Club will again provide a free bicycle.

Youth Appreciation will be Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m. at Zion Church.

The Optimist Zone 3 meeting is at Griswold on Monday, May 4, probably at 6:30 p.m. The District meeting will be in Ankeny on May 16.

Pitch, Hit, and Run will be Saturday, May 9 in the afternoon. The rain day is May 16.

Club members distributed flyers for the Flag project after the meeting on April 25. The flag project will provide additional scholarship funds for Treynor youth.

**Santa's Children Christmas Village**

Orien Hodges from Santa's Village spoke at the Optimist Club on April 18. This is his 12<sup>th</sup> year of Santa's visits to children in crisis. They have been very busy at Santa's Village in Macedonia this past year. Just two weeks ago they had about 60 children visit from Children's Square. They went home with over \$2000 of new, free toys, clothing, and books.

Santa's Village started having Day Camps two years ago. The first year they had 23 children attend and last year there were 168. This year they expect to double or

triple that number. The Day Camps include fishing at the three ponds on Jim Henry's farm East of Macedonia, games, crafts, and a variety of other activities.

This year Santa's Village will begin a garden project to raise food for local food pantries. They will have two or three students from the Service Learning project at Iowa Western Community College run the project. The students are from Central or South America have a six week internship in Agriculture. They will provide a write-up from the project and take it home to their country to implement there.

**Internet Information**

Dale Willenborg was the speaker at the Optimist Club. He discussed map and housing information available on the Internet. They include Google.com, [maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com), the new street view maps in [maps.google.com](http://maps.google.com) (which lets you see views as if driving down the street), [maps.live.com](http://maps.live.com) (Microsoft's maps), [pottco.org](http://pottco.org) (where you can find taxable property values), and [realestate.com](http://realestate.com) (which shows the population for a town, average temperature, and average rainfall.)

**CALENDAR**

The April Can Kennel contributions will be for the Treynor Yearbook. Total collections are \$69,012 through January 2009. May proceeds will go Baseball.

April 29, Wed 3:30 p.m.. – Can Kennel sorting

**Birthdays**

- Apr 20 – Steve Chambers
- Apr 25 – Rocky Saar
- Apr 30 – Jim Clausen

**Anniversaries**

- Apr 4 – John & Kathy Schmitt
- Apr 7 – Jim Clausen

**Speakers**

- May 2 – Paul Jensen – collector of Fishing Rods and Motorcycles
- May 9 – Craig Korkow – career in college rodeo
- May 16 – Kerry Monif – Estates, beneficiaries
- May 23 – Jeff Danker – Sheriff
- May 30 – Carolyn Etinger - Wings of Hope

**Programs**

- May – Richard Vorthmann

P.S. Three nurses die and go up to heaven. And St. Peter says, "So tell me—what did you do with your life?" The first nurse says, "Well, I worked in an emergency room, and it was really challenging. But we were able to help some people and I think that's worthwhile." St. Peter says, "That's fabulous—come on in. I hope you enjoy heaven."

And St Peter turns to the second nurse and says, "So, what did you do with your life?" And the nurse says, "I worked in a hospice, and it was a little depressing, since everyone dies. But we were kind to people and I think that's worthwhile." St. Peter says, "That's great. Come one in—I hope you enjoy heaven."

Then he faces the remaining nurse and says, 'So, what did you do with your life?' And the nurse says, "For the last years of my life, I worked as a managed-care nurse for an HMO." St. Peter wrinkles his brow and pulls out a calculator, a whole set of manuals, and a pencil. He spends time writing and scrunching up pieces of paper, and then looks up and says, "I can approve you for a five-day stay."