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<u>2007-2009</u>	<u>2008-2010</u>
John Klein	Judy Guttau
Bob Hibbard	John Schmitt
Denny White	

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Report of Recent Club Meeting

President Richard Baber opened the Optimist Club meeting on December 13. There were 18 members and one visitor in attendance. Gary Funkhouser won the 50-50 drawing. Jon Jacobsen won the attendance drawing but did not collect it.

There was a discussion about the recent meeting with the Crescent community members interested in establishing a club. There will be another meeting January 8 at the Crescent fire station.

There were no minutes for the meeting on December 20.

Gary Guttau opened the meeting on December 27 and Judy Guttau gave the prayer. There were 16 members and two guests in attendance.

John Klein contributed to the Youth Fund because his son got straight As at Cornell. Jeff Jorgensen contributed because he went to the movies and enjoyed the comedy Marley and Me.

Richard Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing for the second week in a row. Gary Guttau won the attendance drawing.

Good News Jail and Prison Ministry

Chaplain Cliff Tulsie from the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on 13 December. The Pottawattamie County jail has a capacity of 288 prisoners. About 85% of the prisoners are repeat offenders within 3 years. If they are reached by the Good News ministry, there is only a 12% recidivism. Chaplains try to teach the prisoners better coping skills. They use the philosophy that if the person is changed, the behavior will change. There is no government funding of any kind to support this program. Churches, individuals and other groups fund the organization since it is considered a missionary program. All funds stay locally. Security is always considered first and ministry second when working with the inmates. On the average inmates spend 3 to 4 weeks in the county jail, but possibly up to a year and sometimes even more. Prisoners must request the chaplain's assistance to receive it. About 65% of the prisoners ask for chaplain assistance.

Youth Bowling

Allen Alzman started a youth bowling group 12 years ago. They bowl on Saturdays and had 53 bowlers the first year. Now they have over 160 youth involved, ages 3-22. They have coached over 1000 youth.

Allsman's daughter is in college now. In high school she finished second in the state tournament and was one of six All State bowlers.

Alan was named coach of the year in Iowa in 2000. He is Vice President of the State Board for bowlers. His wife was named coach of the year in 2006. She is in charge of regional bowling competitions in Southwest Iowa.

The Allsman's have three goals for youth bowling: A safe environment, make sure youth become better bowlers, and that they have fun. They tell the youth two things every tournament: bowling is a game so have fun, and put a smile on your face.

State youth bowling tournaments are enjoyable. Everyone from Thunderbowl travels as a caravan and try to stay in the same hotel. The only requirement is that there is an indoor swimming pool. They eat a lot of pizza when they bowl. This year is the first year they have a bowling team from Iowa School for the Deaf.

In 2009 the tournament will be at Thunderbowl in Council Bluffs. They expect 1300 youth. Three of the last four years Thunderbowl has had the highest percent of youth in the State Tournament. They have raised over \$30,000 in scholarships for youth to bowl. Some scholarships are given based on participation and others on skill.

CALENDAR

The December and January Can Kennel contributions will be for the Post Prom Committee. Total collections are \$67,140 through October 2008.

Speakers

TBD

Birthdays

- 12/31 Jeff Nelson
- 1/19 Dennis White
- 1/24 John Schmitt

Anniversaries

- 12/27 Gary & Dee Guttau
- 12/31 Bob Hibbard

Programs

- January - Keith Denton
- February - Gary Guttau
- March - Chad Guttau
- April - Dale Willenborg
- May - Richard Vorthmann

We had 100 head of cattle across the road and it was "Old Shep's" job to bring them up around the feeders every morning. He did a wonderful job of it too. But we sold the cattle and it really disappointed the dog. Every morning he would jump the fence, cross the creek run, and search the brush patches looking for that herd of cattle. We just couldn't get him to stop. Finally the only way we could get him to stop looking for them was to show him the cancelled check where we had sold the cattle.