



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA
Iowa District, Zone 2 Club Number 40-109
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NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:
Dale Willenborg



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Shelly Bailey, JOI Club Advisor



Shelly Bailey is our Optimist Club member who sponsors the Junior Optimist International Club at Treynor High School. She stated she followed long-time sponsor, Gary Funkhouser, who paved the way. There are 58 High School students who are members this year.

President is Haley Nowlin,

Senior, who is also Secretary/Treasurer of the Iowa District JOI Club and last year's Lt. Gov. Vice President is Cadence Quick who is also Lt. Gov. of the West Iowa JOI Club. Monica Osborn, Junior, is Secretary and Chloe Pryor, Senior, is Treasurer.

Shelly meets with the group early in the year to discuss possible projects and empowers the students to take control. The group is involved with many projects: 1) They made 26 tie blankets that went to Children's Hospital. Cadence Quick's young brother Nixon Quick, who has spent lots of time there with cancer, along with his mother delivered the blankets. 2) They made t-shirt treat bags for Trunk or Treat in Treynor and handed out candy and info about being safe by wearing seatbelts. 3) Cookies (1000) for Veterans and Police Officers were given locally this year. 4) The group in partnership with New Visions adopted 21 children to buy Christmas gifts for. Wish lists are given to the JOI members who shop for and wrap the gifts.

Upcoming projects will be: 1) Senior Care Center Bingo, Souper Bowl Food Drive, Teacher and nurse appreciation, and help with the Optimist Club spring tree planting and mulching.

A subgroup of ten is involved with Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 (KKAD25) as a result of Tristan White who passed Nov. 13, 2015. The group received a \$25,000 state farm grant to help with the mission of making Treynor a safer place to walk, cycle, drive and ride.

Projects have included: safety tables at games, t-shirts, keychains, yard signs, radar signs, light pole banners, Driver's Ed scholarships and a runner safety speaker. There have been Nathan's running vests purchased and a sidewalk safety study. Another \$25,000 was granted in 2017 for Tristan's Trail which

was used to hire a University of Iowa development study for the trail.

Mock Crash Events in 2017 and 2022 were planned for 8th grade and high school to create an impact of an accident which has been quite successful.

Two 5K running events have been planned for the last two years as a fundraiser and awareness event. Kristi Nielsen, aunt of Tristan White, is an avid runner and helps make this event a success.

Shelly also talked about other projects such as a student seat belt study and a Thinkfast Interactive event at the school. There have also been lunch time activities with field of vision goggles, a seat belt simulator and an effective floor image to create safe driving awareness at prom time.

Shelly concluded by sharing about her full time IT job at Treynor Community School. Shelly started when IT was pretty basic, but now has expanded to everything at the school being connected to technology which includes all phones, student chrome books, heating and lighting, the track program, and much more added each year. Shelly received applause from all of the club members for all that she is able to accomplish.

Next week's Program:

Randy Fontaine, Hope-Net Ministries

Discussion of how the homeless are being helped in the area.

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were present. Dale and Barb Robertson were guests.

The group recited the pledge and Steve Irvin offered the prayer.

Jokes: Keith Denton, Jordan Campbell, Dale Willenborg and Steve Chambers

50/50: Shelly Bailey

Attendance: Jon Jorgensen, but he was not present.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Shelly Bailey shared that her son Brad, who is a PGA pro in Omaha at Champions Run Country Club, competed in the National Assistant Pro Championship and was named Player of the Year and qualified to play in the PGA Championship in April.
- Dee Guttau was excited to state that she has completed the task of sorting seeds for all of her pumpkins and gourds. When asked how many varieties she has, she stated “too many to count.”
- Jim Clausen stated that this week University of Iowa women won in basketball against ISU and the ISU men won against the Iowa team. Both schools had success.

Dec. 13 - Zion Church is sponsoring a free Christmas concert. Billy Ballenger is the performer. He will speak at the school on the morning of Dec. 13.

Dec. 10 – Pro Wrestling is back again.

Business:

- Can kennel sorting will take place after the meeting today at 9:15.
- Dec. 16 – The Cub Scouts will serve cocoa, cookies and carol for the Optimists at our meeting.



L-R: J. Guttau, Barb Robinson, D Willenborg, S. Bailey

- Barb Robertson, Underwood, the JOI District Chairman for Iowa spoke briefly. She thanked our club for sponsoring JOI and is pleased to have Haley Nowlin and Cadence Quick on the JOI District Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A short board meeting was held to assign can kennel sorting dates for the first quarter to youth organizations who have applied.

HUMOR



Famous Quote

“At Christmas, all roads lead home.”

Marjorie Holmes

Calendar

Events

Birthdays

Dec 16 Kevin Underwood
Dec 23 Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

Dec 26 Dick and Sherry Fox
Dec 27 Gary and Dee Guttau

Programs:

Dec Judy Guttau
Jan Dale Willenborg
Feb John Klein

Speakers

Dec 16 Randy Fontaine, Hope-Net CEO
Dec 23 No meeting
Dec 30 No meeting

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