

The Optimist Club of Treynor, 1A NEWSLETTER



2002-2003: Where Every Kid Counts---Plant Seeds

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 18, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. JOHN SCHMITT has arranged for Steve Gilfillan to speak on the D.A.R.E. program. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available before the meeting that starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the Last Club meeting on there were 26 members and 3 guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. The attendance pot was awarded to JOHN SCHMITT, but he couldn't collect. The 50/50 was awarded to VIRGIL HOLST.

We welcomed guests Craig Korkow and Jon Jacobsen and look forward to their becoming Club members.

Pres. GARY inducted new members JOEL BOHLKEN and ARLYN NORRIS sponsored by Pres. GARY and GEORGE SCHNEIDER, respectively. JOEL is principal of Treynor Junior-Senior High School and ARLYN is pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. We welcome them into the fellowship of Optimism.

Pres. GARY asked if members had invited others to our Club meeting. KEITH DENTON put a quarter in the Youth Fund for forgetting to follow up. Many other members should have followed KEITH'S example.

JERRY HEMPEL displayed a colorful Treynor Pride banner flag produced by the Booster Club. He said they were available for \$20. Of course that announcement cost him a dollar for the Youth Fund. JOHN KLEIN showed up late to discuss his fund raising project. That cost him a dollar. KEITH finally owned up to claiming the lost coffee mug. It only cost him a dollar to get it back. Others with only styrofoam cups had to put up a quarter. Pres. GARY also put a dollar in the Youth Fund for forgetting to give the program speaker her appreciation certificate and complementary mug.

Thanks to JOHN K, BILL VORTHMANN, TERESA FAHRENKRUG, MILLI HARVEY, and KEVIN, MARSHA, and JERYL UNDERWOOD for helping with the larger than usual task of sorting cans and bottles last week.

Pres. GARY noted that Cathy Grell had been released from the hospital to recover from her liver transplant at home. We are grateful for her rapid progress.

MILLI circulated an announcement of an upcoming forum on Technology, Quality, and Convenience sponsored by Jennie Edmundson Hospital for the Treynor Community on January 28. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Call LES or MILLI for reservations or more information.

RICHARD VORTHMANN reported good success with the Spaghetti Dinner. There were about 120 served and the dinner netted about \$550. Thanks to all the pie providers and to all the Optimists that were able to help with preparation, cooking, serving, and clean up.

JOHN K. reported the details of the TWA paper airplane fund raising project for the Dustin Bryant Fund have been worked out with the Junior Optimists and school officials. The project will be conducted in the Treynor gym at half

time of the boys basketball game this coming Friday the 17th. Junior Optimists will sell paper to make airplanes at one sheet for a dollar or three for two dollars. They will also supervise the plane throwing and judge the three winners. JOHN asked that a few Club members join the Junior Optimists in this project since this is the first time that it has been done. There is a Soup Supper sponsored by the senior parents that is also for the Bryant Fund. The Soup Supper precedes the basketball games from 5-7 p.m.

RICHARD reminded all that there is considerable savings (\$7) for preregistration for the upcoming 2nd Quarter District Conference. Make plans to go and learn more about Optimism in the Iowa District.

TERESA F. announced she needed some Club members to help with judging at the Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby next Saturday. Let her know soon how you can help.

Pres. GARY noted that help was requested of Club members to sell tickets at the door for the WIC state jazz choir festival being held at Treynor on February 3.

O. I. CHILDHOOD CANCER CAMPAIGN

Jennie Kannedy, a member of the Council Bluffs Optimist Club, spoke to Club members about the Optimist International special project called the Childhood Cancer Campaign. Jennie is the lowa District western region coordinator for this five-year project. This is the first year of promotion to optimist club members. Jennie said she has spoken to several clubs about the opportunities to be involved in projects to serve childhood cancer needs. Cancer is the number one disease afflicting children, Jennie emphasized, with 12 thousand diagnosed in the U. S. each year. Fortunately there is a 70% chance cancer in children can be cured. Jennie explained many ways to assist family needs. She praised our Club involvement with childhood cancer related activities through fund raising for the Bryant family and contribution to the Heartland Camp Quality for cancer afflicted children and their siblings.

CALENDAR

Jan.-Mar. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

- Jan. 17 Soup Supper and TWA fund raiser at basketball game with AHST.
- Jan. 18 Club meeting, program by Steve Gilfillan on the D.A.R.E. program
- Jan. 18 Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby.
- Jan. 20 Zone 4 Meeting, Avoca, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 22 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan. 25 Club Meeting, program by police officer Dan Clark
- Feb. 1 Club Meeting, program by Honor Band participants at Fiesta Bowl. Breakfast will be prepared by Honor Band group. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Feb 3 WIC Jazz Choir Festival
- Feb. 8 Club meeting, program by JOEL BOHLKENS.
- Feb. 8 2nd Quarter District Conference, Des Moines.
- Feb 15 Club meeting, program by state legislatures Gerald Jones and Richard Houser.

Birthdays 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT Anniversaries NONE # recognized to date.

P.S. A housewife heard a loud knock on her door, opened it and there stood two boys. One of them was holding a list in his hands.

"Lady," he said, "me and my brother are on a treasure hunt. Do you have three grains of wheat, a sheet of toilet paper, and a dodo bird skeleton?"

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She replied, "Sorry, I'm fresh out. That's a hard list. What treasure hunt is this?"

"Well," said the boy, 'if we find everything on this list, we each win \$5." And who is going to give you the money?" she asked.

"Our babysitter's boyfriend."

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