

# 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 25, 2003 at St. Paul's JOHN SCHMITT has arranged for Lutheran church. police officer Dan Clark to speak about law enforcement issues. 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 there were 22 members and 3 guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL STEVENS led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to PENNY NELSON, but it was not awarded. The 50/50 was awarded to Pres. GARY. See, it pays to be President.

GARY GUTTAU introduced his son CHAD as guest.

GENE GRELL reported that Cathy was doing very well since receiving a liver transplant. Her recovery after since receiving a liver transplant. surgery has been much better than expected.

Dr. TIM GREINER put a dollar in the Youth Fund for publicity regarding his activity with the Leukemia Society. He is actively involved with Leukemia research at Univ. of Nebraska Medical Center.

RICHARD VORTHMANN Thanks tο **GFORGE** SCHNEIDER, BOB HIBBARD, and LARRY KRAMER for taking the Christmas decorations down from the Strohbehn Memorial Tree.

LES HARVEY reminded everyone about the upcoming Technology, Quality, and Convenience sponsored by Jennie Edmundson Hospital scheduled Tuesday the 28th from 11 a.m. to 13:30 p.m. at Zion Congregational Church. Program speakers include David Holcomb, President and CEO; Dr. Romano, VP Medical Affairs, JEH Ridge Family Practice; and Donna Hubbell, Dir. Utilization Management. A complimentary lunch will be provided. Call LES for reservations.

Pres. GARY presented the Iowa District Optimist plaque to LARRY that was awarded by Past Governor Judy Boyd for the top club newsletter last year. MIKE ABBOTT also received his District award plaque for the top President's Scrapbook for clubs in small communities.

Pres. GARY distributed additional information from the Optimist international chair of the Childhood Cancer Campaign (CCC) regarding funding and administration of the project. If you have ideas about club projects, discuss them with Pres. GARY or Club project chair WES NELSON. Our first Club project related to the CCC effort was conducted at the basket ball game last Friday when funds were raised for the Dustin Bryant Fund. .IOHN KLEIN and Junior Optimist President Anna Fischer reported that the paper airplane throw was very successful. Nearly 500 paper airplanes were cast into the air toward a target in the center ot the basketball court. One of the three prize winners was Club member STEVE CHAMBERS. He said he was taken back to his grade

school days as he folded his airplane. Guess he hasn't lost his touch aiming them. Thanks to BOB and BILL STEPHENS for helping the Junior Optimists with the sale of the airplane papers. Special thanks to JOHN K. for setting this project up. At the recent Zone 4 meeting of Optimist Clubs, JOHN K. received a certificate of recognition as Treynor Optimist of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. His success at creating great fund raising projects was noted. Other Club members who attended the Zone meeting were Lt. Governor MIKE A, Pres. GARY, BOB, LARRY, and LES and MILLI HARVEY.

The Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby was held last Saturday with 22 scouts participating according to Cubmaster TERESA FAHRENKRUG. JOHN S., JOHN K, BOB, LARRY, and JEFF JORGENSEN helped with the judging. Awards were presented to cub scouts as follows--Original Design: 1st-Johnny Farrington, 2<sup>nd-</sup>Shawn Hearn, 3<sup>rd-</sup>Zach Saylor,4<sup>th-</sup>Cole McKenzie, and 5<sup>th-</sup> Chad Cyr. Unique Design: 1st-Doug Orr, 2nd-Dalton Behrens, 3rd-Seth Livengood, 4<sup>th</sup> Jorden Hebner, and 5<sup>th</sup>-Zach Underwood. Derby winners for speed: 1<sup>st</sup>-Dillion MATTHEW, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kellin Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup>-Ethan Peters, 4<sup>th</sup>-Matt Preston, and 5<sup>th</sup>-Creighton ELWOOD.

The next can and bottle sorting with the After-the-Prom Committee will be this Wednesday at  $6:30~\mathrm{p.m.}$ 

#### **BE AN EXAMPLE**

Pottawattamie County Deputy Sheriff Steve Gilfillan has been teaching the D.A.R.E. program to elementary students for 13-yr. He teaches the Treynor 5<sup>th</sup> graders during the first semester each school year. Steve stated he had a very good class this year. This is due to the great support he has from the school staff and parents, Steve noted. According to Steve this drug awareness education program is taught only by uniformed law officers. However, parents must be responsible and be involved in drug awareness education for it to succeed. Steve noted that D.A.R.E. is funded only for elementary level teaching in Pott. county; however, there are programs for junior and senior high grades. Teacher availability and funding limit the drug education in upper grades. Steve thanked Club members for supporting the D.A.R.E. program and issued an invitation to visit his class next year.

#### **CALENDAR**

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

Jan. 22 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.

Club Meeting, program by police officer Dan Clark

Club Meeting, program by Honor Band participants at Feb. Fiesta Bowl. Breakfast will be prepared by Honor Band group. Board meeting after Club meeting.

WIC Jazz Choir Festival Feb. 3

Club meeting, program by JOEL BOHLKENS. Feb. 8

Feb. 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Conference, Des Moines.

Club meeting, program by state legislatures Gerald Feb 15 Jones and Richard Houser.

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

A little boy and his grandmother were walking along the seashore when a huge wave appeared out of nowhere and swept the child out to sea. The grandmother, horrified, falls to her knees and says, "God, please return my grandson. Please, I beg of you. Send him back safely." And, Io, another huge wave washed in and deposited the little boy on the sand at her feet. She picked him up, looked him over, and, looking up at the sky, said, "He had a hat!"

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