



# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

2003-2004: CAN WE BE OPTIMIST? YES WE CAN!

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning October 11, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. VIRGIL HOLST has arranged for Anne Marie Aita to speak about grief counseling. The meeting starts at 7:20 A.M. Invite a guest.

### REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 30 members and one guest present. V. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT offered the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JON JACOBSEN, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN S.

The wedding anniversary of TIM and Justine LARSEN was recognized for which TIM made a contribution to the Youth Fund. MICK GUTTAU was mentioned in news articles as a 'best dressed cowboy' in the Treynor's first football homecoming parade that occurred 50 years ago. That cost him a dollar.

Thanks to the many helpers for parking and collection of gate receipts at the recent Homecoming football game. There were nearly a dozen helpers according to LES HARVEY. The last home game is on the 17<sup>th</sup> and more helpers are needed then. Let LES know if you can help.

Thanks also to JOHN KLEIN, ARLYN NORRIS, KEVIN and JERYL UNDERWOOD, and BOB HIBBARD for assisting Treynor youth with the last can and bottle sorting. The October collections will be for the Honor Choir tour to New York.

THERESA FAHRENKRUG announced the highway cleanup with the Cub Scouts would be at 10:30 a.m. The activity was rained out last Saturday. Thanks to VIRGIL HOLST, LARRY KRAMER, and BOB for helping TERESA with this semi-annual project. Later this month on the 25<sup>th</sup> the Octagon club will need our help with their highway cleanup project.

Thanks to RICHARD VORTHMANN for arranging the Club entry in the Homecoming Parade. The miniature horse team and wagon driven by Charles Bickel were a big attraction to the small kids along the parade route. BILL VORTHMANN, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, KEVIN and JERYL U., VIRGIL, and LARRY also assisted with parade entry, which had the title "Heroes for Youth."

V. Pres. JEFF circulated a letter of thanks from the Treynor Days committee for our Club efforts at fund raising with the 50/50 raffle and Bingo.

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."

Board members, plan to attend the first Board meeting of the new Optimist year scheduled after the next Club meeting. Two Board members need to be appointed to fill terms left when officers were selected. Let Pres. JERRY HEMPEL know if you are interested.

### TO GET IN THE WAY

Kent Gade of Griswold is a man on a mission. Kent explained that he is the Iowa State Director of the Elks drug awareness effort. In this role he is also on the Elks national team that decides the best way to allocate over \$650,000 to enhance drug awareness. Kent said that Optimists are important to the Elks drug awareness program because each one of use needs be informed and get in the way of drug use. Kent shared information on current popular drugs and the methods of use. Drugs mentioned include ecstasy, GHB, LSD, Ketamine, methamphetamine, and Rohypnol and are often made available at group Raves. Kent noted new users are induced to try these club drugs by others because they are available and affordable, they alter reality, they are believed to be safe, and they can be taken orally. Methamphetamine is the most used drug Kent explained. It leads to physical deterioration and is it very difficult to stop using it.

### CALENDAR

#### Oct. Can Collections for Honor Choir

- Oct. 11 Club meeting, program by Anne Marie Aita.  
Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Oct. 15 Can and bottle sorting.
- Oct. 17 Football gate 6:15 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Club meeting, program by Brad Tiarks.
- Oct. 18 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter IA District Conference, Des Moines.
- Oct. 25 Club meeting, program by Mick Gutttau.
- Oct. 25 Road side cleanup with JOOI Octagon Club.
- Oct. 25 SISCO Awards Dinner, Red Oak, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Can and bottle sorting.

#### Nov. Can Collections for Boy Scouts

#### Birthdays

10/17 MARSHA UNDERWOOD, 10/29 BILL VOTHMANN

#### Anniversaries

10/2 ALLI VANROEKEL, 10/5 TIM LARSEN#,  
10/25 DALLAS WHITNEY

# recognized to date.

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