



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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

Iowa District, Zone 4

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Board Members

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Wes Nelson	Kathy Schmitt
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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning October 18, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. JUDY GUTTAU has arranged for Brad Tiarks to talk about his florist retailing experiences. The meeting starts at 7:20 A.M. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 29 members and one guest present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. VIRGIL HOLST offered the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to TERESA DONEY, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to Pres. JERRY. See how it pays to be president.

KEVIN UNDERWOOD put a dollar in the Youth Fund for the news publicity of his winning \$50 from the Council Bluffs newspaper. JEFF JORGENSEN felt a little guilty about how he conducted the last Club meeting when Pres. JERRY was absent. He put a dollar in the Youth Fund for not leading the Optimist Creed to close the meeting and another dollar for forgetting to pass a sign-up sheet around for Pres. JERRY.

JOHN KLEIN announced the next can and bottle sorting would be on the 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Pres. JERRY noted the Board meeting was scheduled after the Club meeting and future Board meetings would be on the second Saturday of each month.

LES HARVEY announced he needed a few more helpers at the home football game on the 17th. This is the last regular season home game, but there is a potential for additional games at Cardinal Field during state play-off games.

Pres. JERRY is looking for a few more project/committee chairs. Cub Scout liaison, Treynor Days, and Community Christmas tree were a few mentioned. Let him know how you can help out this year.

LARRY KRAMER announced he would be attending the 1st Quarter Iowa District meeting in Des Moines on the 17th and 18th.

The Board meeting was attended by seven Board members and four other Club members. Past Sec./Treas. RICHARD VORTHMANN reported Club resources of about \$5600. LARRY distributed a summary of annual club income and expenses. A motion was approved for a review of the financial records of the past year. The need to revise membership dues was discussed. A revised dues structure will be presented to the club members for approval. JOHN SCHMITT offered to present a fund raising idea to the membership on November 8. Pres. JERRY presented his idea of "Brag for Free" coupons to

P.S. A mine owner advertised for new workers and three guys turned up—an Irishman, an Italian, and a Japanese. The owner tells the Irishman, "You'll be in charge of the mining." He tells the Italian, "You'll be in charge of the lift." He tells the Japanese, "You will be in charge of making sure we have supplies." The next day the three men went into the mine, and at the end of the day one man was missing, the Japanese. They searched for him for hours. Just as they were about to give up, he jumped out from behind a rock yelling, "Supplies! Supplies!"

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be earned for good deeds for the Club. LARRY and GARY FUNKHOUSER were appointed to prepare a proposal to the Treynor City Council regarding possible Club service work at the Community Service Center.

STARTING THE JOURNEY HOME

Anna Marie Aita works as Chaplain in the Hospice program of the Visiting Nurses Association of Omaha, NE. She explained that hospice is a philosophy of care designed to provide comfort and support to patients and their families in the terminal phase of illness. Anna Marie is a member of a multidisciplinary team of professionals and volunteers with specialized training and expertise in hospice care. According to Anna Marie, a patient with a terminal illness has to be referred to hospice by a doctor when the patient is expected to live six months or less. Too often patients enter hospice several months later than they should, Anna Marie noted. Hospice addresses physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the patient so they may live as comfortably and fully as possible. Hospice nurses are skilled in pain management. Hospice care is covered by Medicare Part A. Anna Marie explained the Hospice home in Omaha has capacity for 25 patients. There Anna Marie asks patients to review their life—the good and the not so good. She works to reconcile differences between family members. After death Anna Marie leads grief counseling for remaining family members. This can be provided up to 13 months. Anna Marie facilitates Grief groups that provide a way for survivors to cope with their loss of family members.

CALENDAR

Oct. Can Collections for Honor Choir

- Oct. 17 Football gate 6:15 p.m.
- Oct. 18 Club meeting, program by Brad Tiarks.
- Oct. 18 1st 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, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. Can Collections for Boy Scouts

- Nov. 1 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Nov. 8 Club meeting, program by JOHN SCHMITT.
Board meeting after Club meeting.

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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