

# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER



2003-2004: CAN WE BE OPTIMIST?



# YES WE CAN!

lowa District, Zone 4

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Governor Leon Wilkinsen, 641-664-3565 Club Number 40-109

Club Officers for 200	3-2004		Club	
President	Jerry Hempel	566-9479	Board Members	
V. Pres., Pres. Elect	Jeff Jorgensen	487-3355	2002-2003	2003-2004
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March 30, 2004

#### **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning April 3, 2003 at the **RICHARD** Community Center. VORTHMANN is arranging a program. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

### REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 27 members and four guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. KATHY SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to LARRY KRAMER. The 50/50 was awarded to Pres. JERRY as he pulled his ticket number from the lot.

Guests, Josh Guttau and Mary Beth Jorgensen, were introduced. Treynor High School juniors Eric Hempel and Dan Miller were present representing They accepted a the After-the-Prom Committee. check for \$1330 for can and bottle redemptions from the Can Kennel during December and January.

Birthday greetings were sung to JON JACOBSEN. This prompted him to put a dollar in the Youth Fund. TIM GREINER added a dollar to note recent publicity about Living Hope Community Church purchasing property near the intersection of Highway 92 and 270<sup>th</sup> Street for a new church. JEFF JORGENSEN added a dollar on behalf of Mary Beth to note the highly successful Catholic Charities fund raising effort in Omaha.

LARRY'S photo appeared in the papers regarding upcoming recognition by Optimist International for a highly successful effort last year in the lowa District working with Immediate Past Governor Dale Robertson of Underwood. At the request of RICHARD VORTHMANN all members contributed a quarter to the Youth Fund in recognition of LARRY'S work for Iowa District Optimists.

Treas. MIKE ABBOTT announced \$392 was earned from can and bottle redemptions in February for the Club for Youth activities. This pushed the accumulated redemption amount to over \$30,000 since the Can Kennel was started in May of 1999.

MIKE also distributed ballot envelopes for naming the Trevnor promotional mascot.

FUNKHOUSER displayed the plaque presented to him for 'Service to Iowa High School Athletics.' It was presented by the Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association in recognition of Treynor community support to high school sports. This was presented to GARY at the recent State Boy's Basketball Tournament.

Pres. JERRY distributed 'Just Ask' buttons to members that were received from Optimist International President Duane Sievers.

JOHN KLEIN noted the can and bottle sorting with the Silver-Keg 4-H would be this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

GARY F. announced the Octagon Club was interested in participating in the Thrivent program by developing a proposal for a community improvement project. He invited Club members to join them at a planning meeting next Friday at 3:45 p.m. at the high school.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned a couple of rug runners provided by Kmart of Council Bluffs, and two adult and two child tickets provided by Henry Doorly Zoo, Omaha.

LES HARVEY stated the importance of maintaining community relations with regard to programs and led by Optimist members. promotions He also emphasized the value of wearing Optimist vests, shirts, and aprons when conducting community service.

JUDY GUTTAU announced program leaders for the next several months: April-RICHARD, May-GARY F., June-JOHN SCHMITT, July-CHAD GUTTAU, and August-Pres. JERRY.

#### FUDUCIARY TRUSTS HAVE MANY PURPOSES

JON JACOBSEN recently began work as Trust Compliance Officer at Treynor State Bank. He formerly worked as Trust Officer at First National Bank, Omaha. JON noted a trust is a legal device to separate the management and administration of assets from the owner who enjoys the benefits of the property. JON stated there are many situations where a trust is a good method of managing assets. A trust is often used to transfer a family business or other assets to the next generation. A trust is used to control assets of individuals who are not able to manage. This could include children, elderly of diminished capacity, and those with incapacitating illness or injury. A trust could be used to manage assets for anyone who chooses not to manage their assets. A trust provides privacy for the asset owner, as trust actions are not subject to public purview. The rules for managing assets in a trust are usually established by the owner and carried out by the trust officer, JON explained. He invited any one interested in more details to visit him at Treynor State Bank.

## **CALENDAR**

March Can Collections for Silver-Keg 4-H Club

Mar. 31 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.

**April Can Collections for Music Boosters** 

- Apr. 3 International OI Pres. Visit, Amana Holiday Inn. (also makeup of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter District Conference)
- Club meeting, program TBA.
- Apr. 10 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Apr. 14 Can and bottle sorting.
- Apr. 15 Highway cleanup with Cub Scouts after school.

#### **Birthdays**

- 4/14 GARY GUTTAU, 4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS,
- 4/28 GENE SERAN, 4/29 MIKE ABBOTT

#### **Anniversaries**

- 4/4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN, 4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER,
- 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG
- . # recognized to date

P.S. How many mystery writers does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Two, one to screw it almost in and the other to give it a surprising twist at the end.

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