

# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER



Club Number 40-109

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 April 17, 2003 at the Treynor RICHARD VORTHMANN has Community Center. arranged a program by IDNR Officer Doug Clayton to speak on wildlife conservation issues. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

#### REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 25 members and four guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to MARSHA UNDERWOOD, but she couldn't collect it. The 50/50 was awarded to guest speaker Jeff Danker who gave it to the Youth Fund.

In honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of GEORGE and Lillie SCHNEIDER, they and their daughters Carol Miller and Shirley Young served a delicious choice of breakfast cakes and pecan rolls.

GEORGE, JIM CLAUSEN, TERESA FAHRENKRUG, and JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT all contributed dollars to the Youth Fund in recognition of their April anniversaries.

KEITH DENTON added a dollar to announce the upcoming wedding of his son. Pres. JERRY added a dollar in recognition of his son's success in the Treynor H.S. Jerome Howe track meet. JOHN S. added another dollar in thanks for his brother's return from a tour with the military in Iraq.

RICHARD VORTHMANN reported on the awards received by the Club at the Optimist International Presidents Dinner for efforts last Optimist year. Our Club was one of fifteen Honor Clubs last year. We also received banner patches for a District winning project report, Childhood Cancer Campaign projects, three new members in last quarter, and O.I. Foundation contributions. LARRY KRAMER received a citation and plaque as Distinguished Iowa District Secretary/Treasurer since the Iowa District achieved distinguished status last year for the first time since 1996.

Gary F. reminded everyone about plans for the 'Join Hands Day' on May 1. Cleaning and painting at the TRA pool will start at 10 a.m. The rain date is May 8. Tools, labor, and materials are needed. The project is being coordinated by the high school Octagon Club. Let GARY know how you can help.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned an Easter Egg decorated cake made by Julie Funkhouser valued at \$10 and gift certificates from Blimpie's of Treynor for the Playground Equipment Fund.

Members note several events coming up where your participation is needed.

- The can and bottle sorting this Wednesday at 6 p.m.
- The highway cleanup with the Cub Scouts after school on Thursday. Several members are needed to help corral the Cubs down the roadside.
- Next Monday the Zone 4 meeting is at Underwood at 7 p.m.
- Next Tuesday is the tree-planting project with 5<sup>th</sup> graders at 12:45 p.m.

## REPORT OF BOARD MEETING

Ten board members met to discuss Club activities. expenses for the Youth Appreciation

Celebration (\$279) as submitted by LES **HARVEY** approved. Estimated expenses for the Fish Iowa project (\$300) requested by GARY GUTTAU were approved. Estimated expenses for the Bike Safety Day (\$50) requested by KATHY S. were approved. Matching funds to the Octagon Club contribution for 'Join Hands Day' expenses were approved. Pres. JERRY appointed a committee to review 2004 scholarship applications (GARY G [chr.], TIM GREINER, LARRY, KEITH, and BOB HIBBARD). Three \$300 scholarships are planned. Pres. JERRY appointed JOHN S. to be Club Chaplain. community-wide garage sale was discussed. The use of a Club marquee along Main Street was discussed. Past Pres. GARY F will work on a slate of officer nominees for a Club vote in early May

#### SHERIFF'S DEPT. BENEFITS FROM TECHNOLOGY

Pott. Co. Sheriff Jeff Danker described how present and future use of new equipment in the jail, communication office, and patrol cars makes the department services more efficient and cost effective. Jeff is finishing his third term as Sheriff. He has nearly 27-yr of experience in the department which now has about 150 employees and a budget of about \$10 million. About two thirds of the employees work at the county jail. Jeff explained he is adding auto external defibrillators and mobile data computers in patrol cars to facilitate better service by officers at field sites. A device on the department want list, Jeff noted, is a bomb containment vehicle.

#### **CALENDAR**

#### **April Can Collections for Music Boosters**

- Apr. 14 Club Oratorical contest, Treynor High School Auditorium, 1 p.m.
- Apr. 14 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 15 Highway cleanup with Cub Scouts after school, 4 p.m.
- Apr. 17 Club meeting, program by Iowa DNR Officer, Doug Clayton.
- Apr. 17 Zone Oratorical contest, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Library, 10 a.m.
- Zone 4 meeting, Underwood UMBA Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 20 Tree planting behind Elementary School, 12:45 p.m.
- Club meeting, program by GARY FUNKHOUSER. Apr. 24
- Apr. 25 Playground funding meeting.
- Apr. 28 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

## May Can Collections for Optimist Scholarships

- 'Join Hands Day', Treynor youth and adult work day, 10 May 1
- May 1. Regional Oratorical Contest, Wilson Jr. High, 10 a.m.
- May 2 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church, 6:30 p.m.
- May 4 Baby sitting clinic after school.
- May 11 Baby sitting clinic after school.
- 3rd Quarter Iowa District Conference, District Oratorical May 15 Contest, Des Moines.
- May 18 Baby sitting clinic after school.
- May 25 Baby sitting clinic 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. A frog telephones a psychic hotline and is told, "You are going to meet a beautiful young girl "Great," says the frog, "Will I meet her at a party who will want to know everything about you." sometime soon?" "No," said the psychic, "Next year—in biology class."