

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 July 17, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has arranged for Tony Tauke from Council Bluffs to speak. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the 7/3 Club meeting there were 26 members and two guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to KEVIN UNDERWOOD. The 50/50 was awarded to TERESA FAHRENKRUG.

GENE GRELL contributed two dollars to the Youth Fund to note his birthday and 33rd anniversary.

Brandon Fahrenkrug described his Eagle Scout project to build a memorial to those who served in the military that are buried at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery near Treynor. He needs some help to gather funds for the

JOHN KLEIN reported the playground committee has developed plans for a preschool playground at East Park to supplement the new playground project already planned for school age children. The committee will ask the City Council for ten thousand dollars to purchase the equipment to be installed in a 30-ft square area, which will be separate from the larger playground area.

GARY FUNKHOUSER noted the high school softball and baseball tournaments are starting soon. The high school would like some help collecting gate fees on July 12 since both tournaments are scheduled the same day

Thanks to BOB HIBBARD, TIM GREINER, and JOHN K. for helping the Boy Scouts with Can Kennel cleanup.

JEFF JORGENSEN reported on the success of the garage sale. Items were donated by RICHARD VOTHMANN, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, CHAD GUTTAU, LARRY KRAMER, TIM, JOHN K, GARY F. and JEFF J. Remaining O.T.C. items were also included to result in net sales of \$430.75. Special thanks to JEFF J. and TERESA F. for organizing the event and allowing it to be conducted along Highway 92 in front of Fahrenkrug Oil. Also thanks to RICHARD, GEORGE, JEFF and Mary Beth Jorgensen, and GARY GUTTAU for helping setup and sell items. Remaining items were contributed to Good Will.

JON JACOBSEN announced there was a golf clinic planned for youth, ages 6-15 at TRA for a fee of \$25.

Pres. JERRY circulated a letter of thanks written by Anna Fischer, recipient of one of the Optimist Scholarships.

At the 7/10 Club meeting there were 23 members and two guests present. Pres. JERRY presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JEFF J led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to

DAN SCHNEPEL, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to RICHARD.

GARY G. added a dollar to the Youth Fund to note his birthday. JEFF J. added a couple of dollars, one for his anniversary this month and another for his birthday last month.

Nigel Horton described plans to attend a Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C, December 7 - 12. He asked for Club support for the trip.

Treas. MIKE ABBOTT circulated a letter of thanks from the Treynor City Council for the efforts of our Club during Treynor Days. We gave the Council a check for \$1455 for bingo and raffle receipts.

Pres. JERRY noted the Zone 4 meeting was scheduled on the 13th at St. Paul's church with Treynor hosting the meeting.

JEFF J. auctioned a pound of coffee from MJ Java.

JOHN K. reported that the Treynor City Council approved the plan for the Preschool Playground. It will be positioned in the southwest corner of Fast Park.

JOHN K. noted that we should be planning the Punt, Pass, and Kick project soon so that it is conducted earlier in the season.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING

The Board met on 7/10 with eight members and two additional Club members. Treas. MIKE A. reported club assets of \$9260. The Music Boosters earned \$510 at the Can Kennel in April. The Club Scholarship fund earned \$512.75 in May. Centennial Pin sales are \$1800 to date. Motion was approved to give \$1685.95 to City Council for playground projects. MIKE A. stated \$43 would be transferred to the Endowment Fund. Motions were approved to give \$50 to Brandon Fahrenkrug for scout project, and \$50 to Nigel Horton toward his D.C. trip. JEFF J. presented a plan to solicit matching funds for the Endowment prepare appropriate recognition plaques for GARY F. noted that we need to have a non-profit and Fund contributors. identification number available when making contacts with businesses. Motion was approved to proceed with the project proposed by JOHN SCHMITT whereby the Club can receive continuous residual income from purchases by the membership from a manufacturer of personal, health and home care products.

CALENDAR

July Can Collections for Treynor Youth Football

July 17 Club meeting, program by Tony Tauke.

July 24 Club meeting, program by Matt Walsh.

July 28 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

July 29 Westfair Gate, 12 - 6 p.m.

July 31 Club meeting, program by Steve King.

July 31-Aug 1 Iowa District Optimist Convention, Des Moines.

Birthdays

7/14 GARY GUTTAU#, 7/14 WES NELSON, 7/23 JERRY HEMPEL, 7/27 JIM CLAUSEN

Anniversaries

7/14 JEFF JORGENSEN#, 7/18 MIKE ABBOTT 7/18 ROGER VORTHMANN, 7/24 VIRGIL HOLST # recognized to date

P.S. A man is walking past a travel agent's office when he notices a billboard announcing "Four-Day Cruise Down the Murray River--\$40 all inclusive." Impressed by the low price, he races into the office, slaps forty dollars on the counter and announces, "I'm here for the Murray cruise."

Quick as a wink, the travel agent whips out a baseball bat and knocks the man unconscious.

When he wakes, he finds himself tied to a floating log and drifting down the river. After a time, he notices another man in the same predicament on the other side of the river. "Forty-dollar Murray cruise?" he calls out.

"Yep!" responds the man on the other side.

"I'll bet you we don't even get breakfast," yells the man

"Well," the man on the other side calls back, "we did last year."

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