

The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER



2003-2004: CAN WE BE OPTIMIST?

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YES WE CAN!

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning September 18, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. JON JACOBSEN has arranged for Omaha Police Department Detective Larry Cahill to speak. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the 9/4 Club meeting there were 22 members and two guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. LESS HARVEY led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JEFF JORGENSEN. The 50/50 was awarded to JERYL UNDERWOOD.

There are many September birthdays among Club members. Dollar contributions to the Youth Fund were received upon singing Happy Birthday to ARLYN NORRIS, MILLI HARVEY, and BOB HIBBARD. Pres. JERRY added a dollar for performance on his son on football team.

Pres. JERRY presented a check for the first part of monthly can and bottle redemptions to Jay Severn and Bob Meis, leaders of the Youth Football program for 6^{th} and 7th grade Treynor youth. Jay noted there were nineteen 6th graders signed up and the funds were much needed for practice equipment. The team is participating in the Western Iowa Youth Sports organization and has nine games on the season schedule.

LES HARVEY circulated a signup sheet for helpers to collect gate fees at home football games. Game dates are Sept. 3, Sept. 24 (Homecoming), Oct. 15, and Oct. 29. Workers should report to duty at 6:30 p.m. Gate fees are collected until half time.

LES noted that he had received a letter from the lowa Highway Department to renew our intention to continue the highway cleanup project with the cub scouts. was agreement to continue.

KATHY SCHMITT announced the Punt, Pass and Kick activity for Treynor youth would be held after school. A worker sign-up sheet will be circulated at the next Club

JOHN KLEIN noted that he and LARRY KRAMER assisted the Cub scouts and parents with can and bottle sorting on Wednesday. Redemptions for September are for the Treynor Dance Team.

LES announced he had made arrangements with teachers to participate in the Optimist International Essay and Oratorical contests again. The Essay contest is this winter and the Oratorical contest is in early spring.

JEFF JORGENSEN reminded everyone that the Club Endowment Fund contributions at this meeting were being matched by Treynor State Bank up to \$25.

At the 9/11 Club meeting there were 24 members and one guest present. Vice Pres. GARY GUTTAU presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge and the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JON JACOBSON. The 50/50 was awarded to KATHY SCHMITT.

Contributions of two dollars to the Youth Fund were received from JOHN K., JUDY GUTTAU, and TIM GREINER for not singing birthday greetings to them. MIKE ABBOTT also added a couple dollars to speak

about his daughter's achievements, especially being selected to apply for a Moorehead College scholarship.

JEFF J. announced the Endowment contribution of last week was \$47 and that an additional \$25 would be contributed by Treynor State Bank.

KATHY circulated the Punt, Pass and Kick worker signup sheet. About twenty helpers are needed for an efficient operation on Thursday the 23rd after school.

GARY FUNKHOUSER thanked the large number of volunteers who worked the football gate on the 3rd.

STANDING UP IS GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Glen Freeman is President of the Omaha Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, which was organized in 1949 to honor patriotism and good citizenship. Today Freedoms Foundation sponsors various programs of education and recognition through activities of local chapters. Glen distributed copies of the U.S. Constitution published by the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, PA. Glen urged us to refer to the Constitution when thinking about government issues of today. Glen suggested we have a crisis in our country caused by lack of adherence to our constitutional. Glen noted that our founding fathers expressed belief in God as stated in the Declaration of Independence. He also noted judges are appointed upon good behavior and can be recalled for unexceptable behavior. Glen emphasized our constitution provides for protecting citizens from adversaries but not for subsidizing citizens. Glen expressed the opinion that the election/political process is wrong as mostly politicians are being elected. It has been 51-yr since a citizen has been elected president who was not a politician. Glenn noted "We have a republic if we can keep it!" We need to understand citizen rights and stand up for the right actions.

CALENDAR

September Can Collections for Treynor Dance Team

Sep. 15 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.

Sep. 18 Club meeting, program by OPD Detective Larry Cahill.

Sep. 23 Punt, Pass, and Kick activity, Elementary School, 3:45

Sep. 24 Home Coming Football game gate collection.

Sep. 25 Club meeting at Elementary School, program by Council Bluffs Attorney Dick Peterson.

Sep. 29 Can and bottle sorting.

October Can Collections for Honor Band

Oct. 2 Club meeting, program TBA.

Club 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Community Oct. 3 Center

Oct. 9 Club meeting, program TBA.

1st Quarter District meeting, Des Moines. Oct. 9

Oct. 15 Football game gate collection.

Birthdays

9/10 MILLI HARVEY#, 9/9 ARLYN NORRIS#. 9/16 JOHN KLEIN#, 9/17 TIM LARSEN, 9/18 DOREEN MAYBERRY, 9/19 BOB HIBBARD#, 9/20 TERESA FAHRENKRUG, 9/30 TIM GREINER#

Anniversaries

9/26 BILL VORTHMANN # recognized to date

P.S. One of two candidates for judge in a small community was notorious for his dishonesty. Talking about the elections with her neighbor, a farm wife was asked why she was going to vote for the dishonest man, since his opponent was a man of unquestioned integrity.

"I look at it this way," she explained. "If a man isn't ruined when he goes into office, he's ruined when he comes out. And there isn't any use in ruining a perfectly good man."