

The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER



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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 November 8, 2003 at the **Treynor Community Service Center**. JOHN SCHMITT will be presenting a program on fund raising ideas. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting at Treynor High School, there were 28 members and four guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER. The 50/50 was awarded to JUDY GUTTAU, again.

GEORGE'S son Richard and MICK GUTTAU'S son JOSH were guests.

Belated birthday greeting were sung to BILL VORTHMANN for which he contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund. GENE GRELL and MICK GUTTAU each have birthdays coming up the next week, but they each contributed two dollars for not singing birthday greeting to them.

There were several other contributions for bragging rights. GEORGE, GARY FUNKHOUSER, RICHARD, MIKE ABBOTT and TIM GREINER each had kids or grandkids with notable recent achievements. MIKE put another dollar in for advertising raffle tickets. To top it all off, Pres. JERRY asked for a quarter from everyone using styrofoam cups.

Emily Haferbier and her father Roger visited the Club meeting. Emily explained she had been selected to the All-American Cheerleaders Squad. She has the opportunity to participate with their cheerleading activities at the Honolulu Bowl this winter. Emily asked for any support the Club could give her to meet the expenses of the trip and promised to report her experiences at a future Club meeting.

Pres. JERRY announced the next Club meeting will be at the Treynor Community Service Center at the regular time of 7:20 a.m. on Saturday the 8th.

Thanks to TIM, JOHN KLEIN, JERYL and KEVIN UNDERWOOD, LES and MILLI HARVEY, GARY FUNKHOUSER, LARRY KRAMER and BOB HIBBARD for helping the Honor Choir group with the recent can and bottle sorting. The Treynor Boy Scout troop will be leading the November efforts at the Can Kennel.

Pres. JERRY noted the pizza supper for the football team would be on Tuesday evening.

LARRY announced the Zone 4 meeting would be held at the Neola Community Center on Monday evening. GARY GUTTAU will discuss our FISH IOWA project experience with other area Optimist Clubs

LES announced the need for football gate and parking lot workers at the playoff game Wednesday night.

LES also announced that Sunday the 9th is volunteer sign-up time at Jenny Edmundson Hospital. He put a couple of dollars in the Youth Fund to promote volunteerism. LES recently received recognition from Iowa Governor Vilsack as an Outstanding Volunteer of the Community.

Pres. JERRY announced two appointments to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. LARRY was appointed to the 1-yr term and GENE GRELL was appointed to the 2-yr term.

Pres. JERRY also announced the Board would be meeting after the next Club meeting.

After the Club meeting a breakfast was served by Janelle Keyser, with Club members assistance, to Treynor football team members, coaches, and assistants. Coach Steve Owens asked all football players to introduce themselves. There were 41 in attendance. Coach Owens responded to questions about the season. One of the issues this year has been the lack of competition and the limited playtime for upperclassmen due to shortened games. The coaches, players and Club members reviewed the game film of the last regular season game.

CALENDAR

Nov. Can Collections for Boy Scouts

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

Nov. 12 Can and bottle sorting.

Nov. 15 Club meeting, program Scott Hill and Jay Myers.

Nov. 22 Club meeting, program TBA.

Nov. 26 Can and bottle sorting.

Nov. 29 Club meeting, program TBA.

Dec. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

Birthdays

11/5 GENE GRELL#, 11/8 MICK GUTTAU# 11/25 KATHY SCHMITT

Anniversaries

11/2 ALLI VANROEKEL, 11/11 TERESA DONNEY 11/21 LES & MILLI HARVEY, 11/22 JOHN KLEIN, 11/25 WARD CHAMBERS

recognized to date.

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P.S. Three collage students were visiting a foreign country. One was from University of Iowa, one from Iowa State, and the third was an agricultural engineer from Purdue University. They were in a country with a tyrannical ruler and extremely cruel laws. For not removing their shoes when walking past the dictator's portrait, they were sentenced to death by guillotine.

This was pretty harsh, but the executioner told them they didn't have much to worry about. The guillotine hadn't worked for years. What's more when it failed to whack off their heads, they could go free.

The UNI student was first. The executioner pulled the rope and the blade didn't fall. He was set free. The same thing happened to the IU student.

Then the Purdue engineer was led to the guillotine. Before he was strapped in, he looked at the rope pull and latch, and then turned to the executioner.

"You know, I think I've already figured out what's wrong with this thing..."

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