



# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

2004-2005: *I Believe!* ----- *Leaping Above Expectations*

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## Club Officers for 2004-2005

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## Board Members

| 2003-2005     | 2004-2006    |
|---------------|--------------|
| Kathy Schmitt | Steve Irvin  |
| John Schmitt  | Arlyn Norris |
| Gene Grell    | Denny White  |



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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

**F** The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 11, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. President JEFF JORGENSEN has invited retired Naval Officer Doug Corteville to speak about his experiences serving on a nuclear submarine. Also Pres. JEFF and Mary Beth are going to provide breakfast fare. Invite a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

**R** At the Club meeting on 12/4 there were 22 members present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. GARY FUNKHOUSER led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to RICHARD VORTHMANN, but he couldn't collect. GARY F. won the 50/50 drawing.

**I** Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from GERALD FORRISTALL and BILL MATTHEW for birthdays and from LES and MILLI HARVEY for their anniversary. TIM GREINER also contributed to announce that his daughter was chosen to participate in Iowa All State Choir.

**E** Pres. JEFF reminded Club members of the need for help at the Elementary Christmas program this coming Monday evening to pass out programs and assist with seating.

**N** Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, GARY GUTTAU, and MILLI for helping the Honor Band with can and bottle sorting last week.

**D** Pres. JEFF appointed GERALD to inquire about putting a display case in the Community Center building where we can put Club awards such as the 'Friend of 4-H' plaque recently received.

**O** LARRY KRAMER distributed draft copies of new Club bylaws to Board members. He explained the need to adopt new bylaws to reflect the change to the IRS Code Section 501(c)3 tax exempt status defining our Club as a charitable organization. After Board members adopt the bylaws they will be put before the membership for adoption.

**F** Several charitable contributions were proposed and will be acted upon at the upcoming Board meeting.

**Y** Pres. JEFF noted that the lights would be put on the Community Christmas tree after the Club meeting.

### LEARNING STOCK INVESTMENTS AS A GROUP

**O** BILL MATTHEW, Investment Consultant with Treynor State Bank, explained to Club members the opportunities of investment clubs as a way to invest

in the stock market. He was instrumental in getting two local investment clubs started in 2002. One club, the Treynor Investment Club, has 13 members and the other club, the Living Hills Investment Club, has 9 members. BILL noted that investment clubs can have different objectives. Commonly, the main objective of club members is personal gain. However, the Living Hills Investment Club is formed of members from Living Hope Community Church and has a less common objective of creating funds for ministry. Secondary objectives of all club members would include learning about the mechanics of the market, learning how to evaluate companies, and having fun. Typically, BILL explained, clubs meet monthly to review investments, evaluate new opportunities, and agree upon new investments. Members deposit \$50 each month to the club account. The National Association of Investors Corp. (NAIC) has resources that explain how to organize and run a club, BILL noted. They have an accounting software program to keep track of member investments on a Valuation Unit system similar to a mutual fund. This allows variable investment by a member and facilitates dropping and adding membership. BILL explained that investment club success operates on the theory that a group can be more successful than an individual in choosing stocks. Typically, mixed men and women clubs do better than all men or all women member clubs. Successful clubs have members with varied backgrounds and experiences, BILL noted. To be successful clubs should have a minimum of 10 members, have officers, bylaws, and regular participation of members. The two clubs BILL helped organize have been successful in realizing total gains of 20 to 27% on their investments. Both clubs are open to additional members.

### CALENDAR

#### December Can Collections for After-the-Prom

- Dec. 11 Club meeting, program TBA.  
Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Dec. 15 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec. 25 No Club meeting.
- Dec. 29 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 1 No Club meeting.
- Jan. 8 Club meeting program TBA.  
Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Jan. 12 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 30 Griswold Club 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

#### Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL#; 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD
- 12/31 JEFFERY NELSON

#### Anniversaries

- 12/21 WES NELSON; 12/27 GARY GUTTAU
- 12/31 BOB HIBBARD # recognized to date

**U** P.S. SESSION FROM A MARRIAGE SEMINAR: While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, "It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other." He addressed Tom, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?" Tom leaned over, touched Grace's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it? The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here."

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