



# 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

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 18, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. JUDY GUTTAU has arranged for Denise Woods, owner of Total Care Chiropractic in Council Bluffs, to speak. Invite a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 12/11 there were 21 members and one guest present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BOB HIBBARD led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to DOREEN MAYBERRY. GERALD FORRISTALL won the 50/50 drawing.

Special thanks to Mary Beth Jorgensen for preparing the breakfast enjoyed by all in attendance.

Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from KEVIN UNDERWOOD for his birthday and from JERRY HEMPEL who noted his daughter outscored her older brother in recent Treynor basket ball games.

Pres. JEFF stated plans to have a meeting in January for individuals interested in being a Club member.

Thanks to LES and MILLI HARVEY, KEVIN and MARSHA UNDERWOOD, and LARRY KRAMER for assisting at the Elementary Christmas Program last week.

GERALD F. announced the 4-H award plaque would be placed in the Post Office for awhile.

JOHN KLEIN noted that the next can and bottle sorting with the After-the-Prom Committee would be on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

JOHN noted some dirt work has begun in the East Park in preparation for the new playground installation. Pres. JEFF indicated he could arrange a program by model airplane enthusiasts at a dedication program after the park is finished.

### REPORT OF BOARD MEETING

Pres. JEFF called the Board meeting to order with seven members plus one Club member present. JERRY had to leave early for coaching duties. Minutes of the previous meeting were not available. Treas. RICHARD VORTHMANN reported account balances of: endowment, \$1,308; money market, \$6,846; and checking, \$2,085. The report was approved for filing. LARRY reported a summary of 2003-2004 Club financials. The Club started with \$4,592 and ended with \$7,847. Total income was \$23,123 and expenses were \$19,868. The ending balance included \$1,655 in Can Kennel receipts to be awarded to participating youth groups. The city of Treynor was given checks for \$1,455 and \$1,686 for Treynor Days and Park Improvement, respectively. The report will be made available for all Club members.

Expenses were approved for the following: \$100 to Dawn Olsen and \$50 (additional) to Nicolle Schmidt for participation in the youth People-to-People program; \$200 to Treynor Food Bank; and \$16.52 to LARRY for Christmas tree garland reimbursement.

Revised Club by-laws were reviewed. Another draft will be distributed to Board members for review and approval.

P.S. A farmer and his friendly dog entered the local bank and applied for a loan so he could buy some more land.

The banker obtained the necessary information, but then decided to turn down the loan. As he told the farmer the bad news, the dog bit the banker. The dog then cornered a bank customer and bit him too.

The banker said to the farmer, "I can understand why your dog bit me, but why in the world did he have to bite the poor customer?"

The farmer replied, "To get the rotten taste out of his mouth."

### SUBMARINE NAVIGATOR

Doug Corteville is Assistant Professor of Sciences and Mathematics at Iowa Western Community College. Doug is also a retired naval submarine officer who served during the height of the 'Cold War' period. Doug explained he was never in a war battle, but was always training to be prepared. He served as a navigator on an early (built in 1956), nuclear powered submarine. Doug said their sub was often the 'target' for training other larger class and newer subs, as it was relatively slow and noisy. Doug spoke of a particular week of training exercise out of their homeport in New London, Connecticut. It happened that that week was when a very damaging hurricane hit the New London area while they were at sea. The hurricane flooded the naval dock and knocked out electricity throughout the area. Doug explained that all vessels at port were sent to designated areas in the sea to ride out the storm. The submarine and all vessels in the training exercise were told to delay returning home and to ride out the storm in their designated areas of the sea. Doug said the 30-yr old sub he was on couldn't safely submerge deep enough to get out of the wave action generated by the hurricane. Doug said the sub was pitching 30 degrees. The crew had just settled down for an infrequent Poker game, when they got a call that all vessels had to return to base as soon as possible because all the sailors were needed at home to help clean up all the downed trees. But, Doug explained, they were so far out of their designated area that it took an extra 12 hours for their submarine to get to port. When they finally got to port they found all the other vessels anchored along the shipping channel. These ships and subs couldn't get to port because the electric drawbridge across the channel couldn't open up. Doug said their small sub could sail under the bridge, so they were the only one to tie up at the naval dock, despite the extra 12 hours of travel. Then he spent nearly a week around home without electricity cleaning up debris.

### CALENDAR

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

- Dec. 15 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 18 Club meeting, program by Denise Woods.
- 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

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