



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

F The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 22, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has invited U.S. Congressman Steve King, Iowa 5th District Representative, to speak. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

R At the Club meeting on 1/15 there were 23 members and two guests present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. CHAD led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to MILLI HARVEY, but it was not collected. GERALD FORRISTALL won the 50/50 drawing.

Todd Putman from Council Bluffs was CHAD'S guest.

I Our other guest was Emily Eitmann, an 8th grader in Treynor Junior High School. Emily presented her plans to participate with the People-to-People Ambassador program for youth. Emily stated she would be one of about forty middle school youth from Iowa and Nebraska to make the trip to Australia during June 16 to July 3 this year.

We were glad to hear MILLI was recuperating well from hip surgery and is now undergoing physical therapy.

E Pres. JEFF announced the Board meeting was postponed again to avoid competing activities. It will be held after the next Club meeting.

N Pres. JEFF also announced that Club revised bylaws will be voted upon by members at the January 29 meeting. The adopted bylaws need to be at Optimist International by February 1. Draft copies have been distributed to all members for review and comment during a two week period. Forward comments and suggestions for revision to LARRY KRAMER by January 28.

D Thanks to Pres. JEFF, JOHN KLEIN, and GARY and CHAD GUTTAU for the tough can and bottle sorting last week. The covering of ice and snow made the task challenging.

O Pres. JEFF, JOHN K, LARRY, RICHARD VORTHMANN, TERESA FAHRENKRUG, and BOB HIBBARD attended the Zone 3 meeting with Optimists from Underwood, Griswold, and Botna Valley clubs. Thanks to Mary Beth Jorgensen for preparing sloppy-joe sandwiches enjoyed by all. Also thanks to KATHY SCHMITT, LuEttta Vorthmann, Carol Klein, and Sharon Kramer for providing brownies and to LARRY for setting up the meeting at Zion Congregational Church in Treynor. The Griswold club is celebrating their 20th anniversary on January 30, and they invited all Optimists to join the recognition.

F p.s. Yuri, a Russian diplomat, was describing Soviet life to American politicians, "Yes," he said, "Russian politics aren't so bad, except for the time many years ago when I was sent to prison in Siberia.

"What happened?" they asked.

O "On election day, I was handed a sealed envelope to drop in the box," Yuri explained. "I began to tear it open when a Soviet official shouted, 'What do you think you are doing?'"

"Yuri explained to the official that he wanted to see for whom he was voting.

U "Then, the official said, 'Are you crazy? This is a secret ballot!' and they carried me off," Yuri said.

Pres. JEFF announced the Cub Scout Pack Pine Wood Derby will be conducted starting at 8:30 a.m. BOB, GERALD, KEVIN UNDERWOOD are planning to join him to help judge derby entries.

JOHN K. announced the Arbor Day project this year will be smaller than anticipated because construction activity on the grounds around the new elementary school addition has to be completed.

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE

CHAD GUTTAU, MICK and JUDY GUTTAU, and JOHN and Debra JORGENSEN had the opportunity to attend a Christmas Party at the White House last month. They worked diligently on the Bush election campaign last year and helped deliver more than twice the goal for Republican votes for President Bush in Pottawattamie County. Their invitation to the White House was a reward for their efforts. They joined about 700 others from around the U.S. to the party hosted by the President and Laura Bush. Nearly all the public rooms on the White House were open to the group. The beautifully furnished rooms were even more beautiful with the extensive Christmas decorations. Unlike usual public White House tours, the partygoers were allowed to sit on the furniture. Mary Ann Hanusa, originally of Council Bluffs, now serves as Personal Correspondence Secretary to President Bush. MICK stated she obtained permission to conduct an evening tour of the White House exclusively for them. JON noted they visited a number of Washington, DC attractions including the Capital, Library of Congress, Supreme Court, WWII Memorial, and Korean War Memorial. CHAD said it looked like the state bird for DC was the construction crane as there were so many in the skyline of the city. JON said if you have the opportunity to meet President Bush, just say you are from western Iowa. He is very grateful for the votes cast.

CALENDAR

January Can Collections for After-the-Prom

- Jan. 22 Club meeting, program by Rep. Steve King. Board meeting after the club meeting.
- Jan. 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 29 Club meeting, program by Dave Overholtzer, CPA.
- Jan. 30 Griswold Club 20th Anniversary

Birthdays

1/19 DENNIS WHITE, 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT

Anniversaries

(none)
recognized to date

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