



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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2003-2005	2004-2006
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NEXT CLUB MEETING

F The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 29, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has invited CPA Dave Overholtzer to speak about tax issues. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

R At the Club meeting on 1/22 there were 18 members and three guests present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JEFF NELSON, but it was not collected. BILL VORTHMANN won the 50/50 drawing.

Guests in addition to the speaker were Steve Cates, District Republican Representative, from Council Bluffs, and GARY GUTTAU'S spouse, Dee.

Birthdays greetings were sung to DENNIS WHITE and JOHN S. They each added a dollar to the Youth Fund.

Pres. JEFF thanked all the Club members that helped with the Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby last week.

Richard Vorthmann noted that about ten members had made reservations to attend the 20th anniversary celebration for the Griswold club.

Pres. JEFF noted the Thank You card received from Zion Church regarding our contribution to the Food Bank. They noted our contribution helped five families, which included eleven adults and fifteen children.

JOHN KLEIN announced the next can and bottle sorting would be on the 26th at 6 p.m. Hopefully all the snow and ice will be off the cans and bottles by then. The last sorting was particularly difficult due to the recent heavy snow. Plans for a sheltered collection and sorting area are being developed.

JOHN K. also noted the playground equipment selection committee was meeting at Treynor City Hall on Tuesday.

At the next Club meeting members should be prepared to approve new bylaws that will define our Club as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

REPORT OF THE BOARD MEETING

O Six Board members plus one Club member met to discuss Club business. Treasurer RICHARD VORTHMANN reported Club resources of \$7684 plus an endowment account balance of \$1338. Notes from the previous meeting were reviewed in absence of the secretary report of minutes. Expenses were approved for Emily Eitmann (\$100), Optimist International Dues (\$522), mailing labels and paper (\$13.89) and Zone 3 meeting (\$47.21). Suggested revisions to the new bylaws draft were reviewed. A new draft was approved to present to members for approval. Pres. JEFF asked that project chairs submit project expense budgets at the next Board meeting. Pres. JEFF noted that no new requests for use of the Can Kennel had been received. The next open month is May.

REPRESENTATIVE KING AT WORK FOR US

O Steve King of Kiron, IA is beginning his second term as U.S. Congressional Representative from the 5th District in Iowa. Rep. King addressed Club members regarding his insight and opinion on issues facing the President,

U p.s. "I'm lonely." Adam told God in the Garden of Eden. "I need to have someone around for company." "Okay," replied God. "I'll give you the perfect companion. She is beautiful, intelligent, and gracious—she'll cook and clean for you and never say a cross word." "Sounds great," Adam said. "But what's she going to cost?" "An arm and a leg," answered God. "That's pretty steep," replied Adam. "What can I get for a rib?"

congress, and our country. Rep. King serves on the Judiciary, Agriculture, and Small Business Committees of the House. He noted he couldn't honor our invitation of last August because he was on a trade mission to Africa. Rep. King noted some southern African countries are losing population and have shrinking economies because of the high incidence of HIV/AIDS in their population. U.S. aid is used for medicine and food, but Rep. King noted those that are kept alive could still spread the disease and humanitarian agencies are not addressing this.

Rep. King reported some observations of the inaugural ceremonies in Washington, DC last week. He said it wasn't much fun attending the parade and celebration balls because of the extensive security restrictions. In view of the approximately 120 million Muslim insurgents in the world against the principles of the U.S., Rep. King stated we have two choices. One is to be ultra security minded and guard everything. The other is seeing that the insurgents have freedom and democracy so they would want to expend their energies toward their families and livelihoods. Rep. King noted that countries surrounding Iraq are not against Muslim insurgents because they don't want the freedom for their citizens.

Rep. King stated that Iowa is becoming an energy exporting state considering all the ethanol and bio-diesel production and wind generators coming on line. Rep. King has filled a bill to give small ethanol producers tax credits and expand the tax credit to bio-diesel producers. This would benefit producers in Iowa.

Rep. King expressed the need to restore the Constitutional rights of congress to select the judiciary below the Supreme Court. Over time this has been usurped by previous administrations. He also expressed the desire to change the national tax structure from a production tax to a consumption tax and eliminate the IRS agency.

Rep. King stated he was in favor of a national driver's license and enforcement of current immigration laws. He also introduced a bill to create a 'paper audit trail' for voters so they can be sure of their ballot before it is cast and can be recounted after the election. He would also minimize the use of absentee ballots, as they are a source of fraud.

CALENDAR

January Can Collections for After-the-Prom

- Jan. 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 29 Club meeting, program by Dave Overholtzer, CPA.
- Jan. 30 Griswold Club 20th Anniversary

February Can Collections for Octagon Club

- Feb. 5 Club meeting, program by Jeff Schoening and Honor Band.
- Feb. 12 Club meeting, program by High Adventure Scouts.
- Feb. 12 2nd Quarter Iowa District Optimist meeting, Best Western Inn, Council Bluffs, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Feb. 19 Club meeting, program TBA. Board meeting after Club meeting.

Birthdays

1/19 DENNIS WHITE#, 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT#

Anniversaries

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