



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 February 5, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. RICHARD VORTHMANN has invited Jeff Schoening and Honor Band members to report on their Fiesta Bowl trip. Invite a guest.

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REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

I At the Club meeting on 1/29 there were 24 members and three guests present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. CATHY SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to KEVIN UNDERWOOD, but it was not collected. RICHARD VORTHMANN won the 50/50 drawing.

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Marilyn Lustgraaf was welcomed as guest as was JUDY GUTTAU'S mother Ester Fraiser.

JERRY HEMPEL added a dollar to the Youth Fund for Treynor youth achievements in basketball and jazz band. KEVIN UNDERWOOD also added a dollar for the same reasons.

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the Octagon Club was having a fund raising event for B. J. Childs at the high school basketball game on February 4. They could use some help selling papers for an airplane toss contest.

RICHARD announced that ten Club members had made reservations to attend the 20th anniversary dinner of the Griswold club on Sunday evening.

Thanks to Pres. JEFF, RICHARD, JOHN KLEIN, GARY GUTTAU, and LARRY KRAMER for helping at the last can and bottle sorting. The Can Kennel Facility committee will meet at KEITH DENTON'S home Wednesday the 2nd at 7 p.m.

JOHN K. reported the Playground Equipment committee had met with the Treynor City Staff and selected a list of equipment to send to potential bidders.

Pres. JEFF asked for action on the bylaws revision. A motion was made by MICK GUTTAU and seconded by GARY F. to accept the bylaws

draft as distributed to Club members. Motion was approved by voice vote without further discussion.

TAX TIME COMING UP

Dave Overholzer of Council Bluffs has been working as a CPA for eighteen years. He says he loves to 'not pay' taxes as much as possible, but he willing pays what is due. Dave 'claims' to enjoy sifting through the convoluted IRS tax codes to help clients minimize taxes. The first income tax, Dave noted, was imposed for a period during the Civil War and ended in 1872. A constitutional amendment in enacted in 1913 authorized the collection of income taxes. The tax code has grown greatly from 1913 to the present time with revisions nearly every year. Dave explained some of the changes effective in the tax code for 2004 and 2005. Generally, in recent years marginal tax rates on taxable income have been lowered, and standard deductions have been increased. Some tax credits have been enacted and some deductions have been minimized. These changes keep a CPA like DAVE busy sorting out the best tax management for individuals to pay the 'least due.'

CALENDAR

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.
- Feb. 26 Club meeting, program TBA.

Birthdays

- 2/5 LARRY KRAMER, 2/11 ROGER VORTHMANN
- 2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN, 2/13 GARY FUNKHOUSER

Anniversaries

- 2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL, 2/6 JON JACOBSEN
- 2/23 DAN SCHNEPEL

recognized to date

P.S. A mathematician, a statistician, and an economist apply for the same job. The interviewer calls in the mathematician and asks, "What does two plus two equal?" The mathematician replies, "Four." The interviewer asks, "Four exactly?" The mathematician looks at the interviewer incredulously and says, "Yes, four exactly."

Then the interviewer calls in the statistician and asks the same question: "What does two plus two equal?" The statistician says, "On average, four – give or take 10 percent – but on average, four."

Then the interviewer calls in the economist and poses the same question: "What does two plus two equal?" The economist get up, locks the door, closes the shade, sits down next to the interviewer, and says, "What do you want it to equal?"

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