



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning April 2, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. RICHARD VORTHMANN has arranged for IA Senator Hubert Houser, and IA Representative Gerald Jones to give us a summary of legislative actions at the state capital in Des Moines. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 3/26 there were 21 members and 3 guests present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. GARY FUNKHOUSER led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to VIRGIL HOLST. The attendance pot was awarded to WARD CHAMBERS, but it was not collected.

There were quite a number of contributions to the Youth Fund for recognitions and achievements. CHAD GUTTAU'S photo was in the paper regarding a special plaque he received with President Bush's photo on it for his Republican Party volunteer work. JOHN KLEIN was named in Iowa Farmer Today. TIM GREINER'S son and daughter were both named to Honor Society. GARY F. noted that for the first time Treynor had a high school student nominated for State Speech competition in two categories. JIM CLAUSEN noted the selection of one of our guests, Tricia Trotter, to All State Girl's Basketball Team.

Pres. JEFF presented Treynor High School Octagon Club President Tricia Trotter and club member Melisa Nielsen a check for \$665.75 for the Octagon work at the Can Kennel in February.

Pres. JEFF circulated a thank you note from the Cub Scout Pack for our Club contributions to their program.

LARRY KRAMER reported the Can Kennel Facility committee will present a short-term plan to the Treynor City Council for approval to reconstruct the Can Kennel with a roof covering.

The next can and bottle sorting is Wednesday the 30th at 6:30 p.m.

JOHN KLEIN announced the Junior Treynor Women were planning a garage sale next Saturday at the Elementary School. GEORGE SCHNEIDER noted that St Paul Lutheran was also having a garage sale then also.

GARY F. noted the Reading Club at the Elementary School needs funds for books. Pres. JEFF asked GARY to present the request at the next Board meeting. TIM offered to match any contributions.

KEEPING AN EYE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Dan Stipes spoke to Club members about his work for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Dan is Supervisor of the South West Regional Office of the Environmental Services Division of DNR which is located at Atlantic, IA. Dan noted the other divisions of DNR are Conservation and Recreation and Management Services. The Environmental Services Division follows the national Environmental Protection Agency rules and regulations that pertain to IA. Dan explained that there are nine on his staff assigned to cover nineteen counties of southwest IA. They respond to complaints received at the rate of about one per day and they inspect facilities for adherence to environmental laws. Dan stated there are six major areas that they focus on. They inspect landfills (there are 28 permitted). They inspect public water supplies and waste water treatment (about 220 cities). They check air quality emissions at hundreds of sites. They inspect underground storage facilities (about 450). And they inspect numerous animal-feeding operations. Mainly their work is technical assistance, Dan explained, with only 1% of work requiring enforcement of laws. They do site inspections to evaluate environmental plans for construction and are involved with testing polluted waterways and lakes in IA. Dan said he loves to work in the environmental conservation field and feels the work of the IA DNR is conserving and enhancing the natural resources in IA.

CALENDAR

March Can Collections for St. Paul Youth

Mar. 30 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.

April Can Collections for Cub Scouts

April 2 Club meeting, program by IA Senator Hubert Houser and Representative Gerald Jones.

April 2 Optimist International President's Visit, Amana Holiday Inn, 5:30 p.m.

April 9 Club meeting, program TBA.

Board meeting after the Club meeting.

April 12 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High.

April 13 Can and bottle sorting, 3:40 p.m.

April 16 Club Oratorical Contest.

April 19 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High

April 22 Arbor Day tree planting with 5th grade.

April 26 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High

April 27 Can and bottle sorting, 3:40 p.m.

April 30 Fish Iowa

May 1 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church

May 3 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High

May 7 Fish Derby

Birthdays

4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS, 4/28 GENE SERAN

4/29 MIKE ABBOTT, 4/30 BILL MATTHEW

Anniversaries

4/4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN

4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG

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P.S. The visiting TV evangelist had a very receptive crowd in a rural community, and he scanned the crowd for a likely candidate to be his best example. He settled on an elderly farmer sitting in the front row. The preacher stood before the man, placed his hand on his head, and asked, "Are you ready to denounce the devil and all his evil ways?"

"Yep," replied the man.

The preacher continued, "Are you willing to forsake all your sins?"

Again, the man nodded in agreement and evangelist went on, "Are you willing to pay all your debts?"

There was a pause before the man shook his head and sharply replied, "We've been talking about religion, but now you're talkin' about business."

