



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

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning April 9, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. JON JACOBSEN has arranged for KMTV Channel 3 personality Travis Justice to speak. Travis is sports commentator and host of the 'For what it's worth' show. So, let him know what you think. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 4/2 there were 24 members and 2 guests present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER. The attendance pot was awarded to CATHY SCHMITT. It took most of the meeting for her to count it all.

Dollars for the Youth Fund were collected from members for their photos in recent newspapers. VIRGIL HOLST, JUDY GUTTAU, and JERRY HEMPEL each contributed. JERRY had so much publicity he contributed \$5. Pres. JEFF asked everyone to pitch in a quarter for all the good member and Club publicity during the past week.

Pres. JEFF asked for member consensus regarding his proposal to expand the collection of redeemable cans and bottles for Club use to a few locations in Council Bluffs. Members agreed to have him try it a while.

Thanks to RICHARD, Pres. JEFF, JOHN KLEIN, and LARRY KRAMER for working at the Can Kennel with St. Paul youth last Wednesday.

JOHN K. forwarded a report that the Treynor Playground Committee had reviewed playground equipment bids and prepared a recommendation to the City Council. Equipment installation should begin later this spring.

Thanks to GARY FUNKHOUSER, BOB HIBBARD, and LARRY for helping with the gate receipts and parking cars at the Jerome Howe Track Meet. The parking areas were overflowing.

LARRY stated he would be attending the next City Council meeting to seek approval for the latest plan to improve the Can Kennel structure. The use of a storage room in the City Barn is included in the most recent plan.

LARRY also said he would ask the Council for an update on efforts to install signs announcing Treynor along the highways leading into town.

Pres. JEFF announced a Board meeting after the next Club meeting.

LARRY attended the Iowa District Optimist meeting at the Amana Holiday Inn where the Iowa Optimists hosted a visit of Optimist International President Yves Berthiaume. Past Governor of the Iowa District, Leon Wilkinson, announced awards and achievements of Optimist members and clubs during his 2003-2004 term. LARRY received the Optimist of the Year award from Past Governor Wilkinson

THE ANNUAL BILL DEBATES

P.S. The bartender was washing his glasses, when an elderly Irishman came in. With great difficulty, the Irishman hoisted his bad leg over the barstool, pulled himself up painfully, and asked for a sip of Irish whiskey. The Irishman looked down the bar and said, "Is that Jesus down there?" The bartender nodded, so the Irishman told him to give Jesus an Irish whiskey, too. The next patron to come in was an ailing Italian with a hunched back, who moved very slowly. He shuffled up to the barstool and asked for a glass of Chianti. He also looked down the bar and asked if that was Jesus sitting at the end of the bar. The bartender nodded, so the Italian said to give Him a glass of Chianti, too. The third patron to enter the bar was a redneck, who swaggered into the bar and hollered, "Barkeeper, set me up a cold one! Hey, is that God's Boy down there?" The barkeeper nodded, so the redneck told him to give Jesus a cold one, too. As Jesus got up to leave, he walked over to the Irishman and touched him and said, "For your kindness, you are healed!" The Irishman felt the strength come back to his leg, so he got up and danced a jig out the door. Jesus touched the Italian and said, "For your kindness, you are healed!" The Italian felt his back straighten, so he raised his hands above his head and did a flip out the door. Jesus walked toward the redneck, but the redneck jumped back and exclaimed, "Don't touch me! I'm drawin' disability!"

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Iowa Senator Hubert Houser, and Iowa Representative Gerald Jones spoke to Club members about legislative actions going on at the state capital in Des Moines. Each is in fifth year of their respective offices. Over 200 bills were submitted in the House of Representatives and about 90 in the Senate this legislative session. Furthermore the Senate has the same number of members of each political party, while the House has a slight Republican majority. Senator Houser remarked that this balance of party affiliation in the legislature has seemed to slow legislative action, especially in the Senate, yet bills submitted for debate seem better prepared since vociferous debate is expected for each bill. Representative Jones commented on several bills under discussion. One bill regarding pseudoephedrin sale restriction has already been enacted as law. A bill to increase the rural interstate speed limit to 70 mph passed the House and is being debated at the Senate. A revised sex offender registration bill is being discussed. As chair of the subcommittee of veteran affairs, Jones is promoting bills to establish a state veteran's cemetery and lifetime hunting permits for veterans for a one-time fee. Senator Houser noted that state appropriations are 6% higher this year compared to last year and the annual appropriations bill is up for debate this week. Other senate issues being debated are early child education and support for the Iowa Values Fund. Houser is chairman of the Senate Natural Resources and Environment Committee. This committee has address methods to reduce deer population and to promote Iowa ownership of alternative energy sources developed in the state. Senator Houser noted a land acquisition to significantly enlarge Wabonsie State Park so that it might become a vacation attraction in Southwest Iowa.

CALENDAR

April Can Collections for Cub Scouts

- April 9 Club meeting, program by Travis Justice. 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 meeting, program by Matt Wilber.
- April 16 Club Oratorical Contest.
- April 19 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High
- April 22 Arbor Day tree planting with 5th grade.
- April 23 Club meeting program TBA.
- April 26 Babysitting/child care clinic, Treynor High
- April 27 Can and bottle sorting, 3:40 p.m.
- April 30 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- 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
- # recognized to date

