



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 16, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. JON JACOBSEN has arranged for Pottawattamie County Attorney Matt Wilber to speak. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 4/9 there were 22 members and 5 guests present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. GARY GUTTAU led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JON. The attendance pot was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER, but it wasn't collected.

Guests Josh Guttau, Georgia Denton, Lindsey Schuler, and Joni Rasmussen in addition to guest speaker, Travis Justice were welcomed.

It was good to have MILLI HARVEY back after several weeks of recovery.

The wedding anniversaries of JIM CLAUSEN and TERESA FAHRENKRUG were recognized. For this they each contributed dollars to the Youth Fund. JERRY HEMPEL also contributed a dollar to recognize the achievements of the high school track team and jazz band. Pres. JEFF asked all members beside LARRY KRAMER to contribute a quarter for LARRY'S selection as Iowa Optimist of the Year. LARRY also contributed several dollars for his photo in the papers.

Lindsey Schuler described her plans to participate in the International Sports Specialists programs for high school track athletes. In July she plans to travel to Australia with a team comprised of students from IA, NE, and MO. Lindsey plans to compete in discus throwing.

MILLI said she would arrange for tables at the upcoming Prom Brunch on April 30. A signup sheet was circulated.

GARY G. announced the youth fishing project would start with education and instruction on April 30 followed by a fishing derby on May 7 at Lake Arrowhead.

LARRY stated the Treynor City Council had approved a plan to improve the Can Kennel. They also agreed to let us use a storage room in the adjacent barn.

LARRY also stated the council encouraged action on establishing monument style signs along the roads leading into Treynor. LARRY recommended a community-wide committee be formed to follow up on details. He has meet with road officials for rules and permits to be followed.

LARRY also reported the Council had approved the bids for new playground equipment, so installation should begin in the near future.

Pres. JEFF stated he wanted all project chairs to prepare a summary of completed project finances.

GARY FUNKHOUSER asked for volunteers to supervise at the Western Iowa Conference Art Show hosted at Treynor High School on the 18th.

REPORT OF RECENT BOARD MEETING

Pres. JEFF presided at a meeting of the Board with six members and two Club members present. Treasurer RICHARD VORTHMANN reported total assets of \$7613. A quarterly financial summary report was distributed. A motion by STEVE IRVIN, seconded by GARY G., was approved to contribute \$200 to the Treynor K-12 Book Club. About 200 students are participating, GARY

P.S. Little Eddie wanted \$100 so badly he decided to pray for it. He prayed several weeks with no results, so he wrote a letter to God. The post office finally forwarded the letter to the White House. The president chuckled and ordered \$5 sent to the boy. The boy was delighted that his prayers had been answered, even if only in part. He wrote a thank-you note to God but added a P.S. message: "I noticed you routed my letter through Washington, DC and, as usual, the bureaucrats deducted 95%."

FUNKHOUSER noted. TIM GREINER had previously offered to match the Club contribution. A motion by STEVE I., seconded by GARY G., was approved to contribute \$100 to Lindsey Schuler. A motion by Gary G, seconded by STEVE I., was approved to assign the month of June to the Silver-Keg 4-H Club for use of the Can Kennel. Pres. JEFF appointed an officer nomination committee of Past Pres. JERRY, GARY F., and BILL VORTHMANN to seek a slate of Club officers for next year. GARY F. reported the Club Oratory Contest would be conducted on the 15th and the Zone contest would be hosted by our Club on the 23rd. GARY F. also reported the Youth Appreciation Celebration is scheduled at Zion Church at 2 p.m. on May 1. LARRY distributed diagrams of the approved Can Kennel design.

TO MAKE YOU THINK

Travis Justice has been in radio and television broadcasting since high school days at TriCenter. While his main interest is sports analysis and sports commentary, he has 'branched out' into more widespread commentary in recent years. Travis noted he has been working at KMTV 3 in Omaha for over three years and the past two years has had a daily show during the evening news period called 'For What It's Worth.' On this show he offers his opinion on local and national happenings that he selects from observations and other reports. Travis said his objective is to get viewers to think about the issues. Travis reports positive and negative reactions of viewers, and he responds to the many emails he receives. Travis noted he was fortunate to be able to work in broadcasting, which he enjoys. However some think it is a little strange for him to be making a living "making other people mad."

CALENDAR

April Can Collections for Cub Scouts

- April 12 Babysitting/child care clinic 1st session, Treynor High.
- April 13 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.
- April 13 3rd Zone Quarter meeting, Lewis, IA, 7 p.m.
- April 15 Club Oratorical Contest.
- April 16 Club meeting, program by Matt Wilber.
- April 18 Art Show, high school.
- April 19 Babysitting/child care clinic, 2nd session, Treynor High
- April 21 Arbor Day preparation.
- April 22 Arbor Day tree planting with 5th grade.
- April 23 Club meeting program TBA.
- April 23 Highway Cleanup with Octagon Club, 9 a.m.
- April 23 Zone Oratorical Contest, High School, 10 a.m.
- April 26 Babysitting/child care clinic, 3rd session, Treynor High
- April 27 Can and bottle sorting, 1:45 p.m.
- April 30 Club Meeting, program by Dale Robertson, Iowa District O.I. Foundation Chair.
- April 30 Prom Brunch, 11 a.m.
- April 30 Fish Iowa, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

May Can Collections for Club Scholarships

- May 1 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church, 2 p.m.
- May 3 Babysitting/child care clinic, final session, Treynor High
- May 7 Fish Derby at Lake Arrowhead, leave Treynor, 8:15 a.m.

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

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