



# 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 June 25, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. KEITH DENTON has arranged for John Ticer to speak about the work of a state fire marshal. Invite a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETINGS

At the Club meeting on 6/11 there were 23 members and one guest present. BOB HIBBARD opened the meeting for Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN who was working the garage sale. Our guest, Pastor Alan Hardy, led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN KLEIN. The attendance pot was awarded to JUDY GUTTAU, but it could not be claimed.

BOB auctioned a shoulder tote bag contributed by LES HARVEY.

At the Club meeting on 6/18 there were 23 members and three guests present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to GERALD FORRISTALL. The attendance pot was awarded to PENNY NELSON, but it could not be claimed.

Cub Scout Peter Jacobsen and Cub Scout Pack Committee member Beth Peters were recognized as guests. They were presented a check for \$574.65 from the use of the Optimist Can Kennel in April. Peter is the son of Club member JON JACOBSEN.

LARRY KRAMER contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund to recognize his 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this month. GARY GUTTAU added a dollar to announce he wasn't a candidate for Club president this year. We haven't heard from the rest of the members, yet. KEITH DENTON added a dollar to announce he has some College World Series tickets available for today's game.

Pres. JEFF thanked all who contributed to the garage sale last week. Some items are still being sold, but the total sales should be over \$500. Special thanks go to Pres. JEFF and GARY G. for conducting the sale.

LARRY announced the Horse Show was rescheduled to August 14 because the show arena was too wet on the scheduled date.

Thanks to GARY FUNKHOUSER and JERYL, KEVIN, and MARSHA UNDERWOOD for helping the Silver-Keg 4-H club with can and bottle sorting last week. Their next sorting is on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Pres. JEFF announced that the Can Kennel would be used by the Varsity Cheerleaders in July and the Girl Scouts in August. GARY G. and TERESA FAHRENKRUG will supervise each month, respectively.

Pres. JEFF circulated a postcard from Australia from Nichole Schmidt who we sponsored in part for her trip there

LARRY announced the playground installation project is nearing completion with sidewalks and grass seeding to be done yet. The dedication celebration plans are not definite yet.

JOHN SCHMITT asked for suggestions regarding July program speakers.

Pres. JEFF auctioned a 24 V drill set contributed by Tractor Supply Corp. of Council Bluffs. The drill was donated for use in assembling the playground equipment.

### MUSLUM LAW AND DEMOCRACY

Pastor Alan Hardy of Zion Congregation Church in Treynor recently returned from a tour of duty with the Iowa National Guard in Iraq. While there he served as battalion chaplain for about 2200 soldiers. Alan said one of the worst times there despite a temperature of 143 degrees F, was a three-day sand (dust) storm where you couldn't see your out-stretched hand. The best time, he said was when they were distributing food, water and aid to local citizens, especially the children. He noted that the more they visited a village the less mortar and rifle fire they encountered. Alan explained that Iraq is in the process of developing a unique governance by combining democratic principles with Muslim law. Not all political, religions, and social factions get everything they want, but through the democratic process they get part of their desires met. The alternative of the past is all or nothing, which results in dissatisfaction of the loser(s). This new way of governance is being observed by other middle-eastern countries as a potentially progressive change to improve their way of life. Alan noted it will take a while for this change to develop, meanwhile the U.S. troops are there to maintain order and help establish a new government of Iraq.

### FIGHTING METH USE

Council Bluffs Police Sargent Chuck Gorman spoke to Club members about his work with the Southwest Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Task Force. Chuck explained he is Operations Sargent for the task force that includes eight detectives and an Iowa National Guard representative who work in the counties of Harrison, Pottawattamie, and Mills. Working in this position for several years, Chuck has observed that methamphetamine "meth" misuse is driving most of the crime in southwest Iowa. Most of the persons they arrest are addicted to meth, Chuck noted. It is too easy to get and too easy to get addicted to, Chuck explained, so it is very dangerous for anyone, especially youth, to experiment with. It destroys the body with progressive use. Last year 84 felons were arrested, 62 search warrants were exercised, and \$120,000 was confiscated by the Task Force, Chuck stated. But, it takes the concern and involvement of family and friends to educate and prevent the tragic consequences of meth use by individuals. The Task Force will continue to work to reduce the supply available

### CALENDAR

#### June Can Collections for Silver-Keg Feeders 4-H

Jun. 25 Club meeting, program by John Ticer.

Jun. 29 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

#### July Can Collections for Varsity Cheer Leaders

July 2 Club meeting, program TBA.

July 28 Westfair gate duty, 12-6 p.m.

Aug. 5-6 Iowa Optimist Convention, Ft. Madison.

Aug. 14 Rescheduled horse show, Malvern

Aug. 20 Treynor Days

### Birthdays

6/9 LES HARVEY,

6/20 DAN SCHNEPEL

6/22 KEVIN ELWOOD

### Anniversaries

6/1 KEVIN ELWOOD,

6/3 ARLYN NORRIS#

6/5 STEVE IRVIN,

6/15 STEVE CHAMBERS

6/26 LARRY KRAMER#, 6/27 GENE GRELL

6/28 MICK GUTTAU

# recognized to date

P.S. A refugee couple arrived in the U. S. Finally after all the red tape and years of study, they were finally made citizens. One day, the husband rushed into the kitchen with the long-awaited news. "Anna! Anna!" he shouted. "At last, we're official Americans! Now we can live like everyone else does!" "Fine," replied the wife. "Now you wash the dishes."

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