



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 October 30, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. MIKE ABBOTT has arranged for John Parsons, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, to speak about the Masons Society. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 25 members and one guest present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to GERALD FORRISTALL, but he couldn't collect. However, he was able to collect the 50/50 awarded to him!

Pres. JEFF contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund because he forgot to ask everyone to sing for DENNIS WHITE'S anniversary at the meeting last week. JERRY HEMPEL added a dollar to recognize the 16th consecutive first rating for the Treynor Marching Band. JIM CLAUSEN noted that his son sacked the quarterback at the last football game, so he put in a dollar. GERALD added a dollar to recognize that his granddaughter accepted a job offer from Caterpillar. LARRY KRAMER also added a dollar for the photos in the news regarding acceptance of a Newsletter award. On that note VIRGIL HOLST asked every member to add a quarter, but if they hadn't read the last newsletter they should add a dollar. It took Sargent - at-Arms BOB HIBBARD most of the meeting to account for all the contributions.

Pres. JEFF announced that Treynor Insurance Services would match contributions to the Club Endowment Fund at the next Club meeting.

ARLYN announced he would be asking member participation in the devotion prayer at the start of each Club meeting.

JOHN KLEIN noted the next can and bottle sorting is scheduled this coming Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. He also circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers for upcoming sorting dates.

Pres. JEFF announced the Zone 3 meeting is scheduled at Underwood on the 27th. A supper meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be chaired by Lt. Governor Lucy Hugh, who will visit our club on November 13 for the Club Planning Conference with officers.

STEVE IRVIN announced the Octagon Club was planning to do highway clean up on Saturday the 30th. They will gather about 9:30 a.m. to tackle Highway 92 east of Keg Creek. They can use some help for a couple hours.

The Cub Scouts and parents are also preparing to do highway cleanup east of Treynor on Saturday afternoon starting at 3:30 p.m. at the Elementary School parking lot. Several Club members and maybe a few pickups are needed to assist this group.

Pres. JEFF auctioned a cheesecake contributed by Delice European Bakery in the Old Market of Omaha. Ask CHAD GUTTAU if he shared it with anyone. He was a determined bidder.

A BELIEF IN THE POWER OF WORK

Frank McGee is Executive Director of Goodwill Industries, Inc. of the Eastern Nebraska and Southwest Iowa. Frank, who has been with Goodwill for 25 years, spoke to Club members about the Goodwill program and its impact on area residents since 1933. According to Frank, Goodwill is a not-for-profit agency that is funded through government agencies, private support, and proceeds from the sale of donated goods. Retail sales of donated goods account for half of Goodwill revenue and Goodwill has an annual budget of \$14 million. Frank emphasized that Goodwill in the Omaha region is very robust and in good fiscal shape. Last year there were 15 million pounds of material donations to Goodwill including clothing, furniture, vehicles, and property. Frank explained the mission of Goodwill is to prepare people with employment barriers for work, to eliminate unemployment, and to create jobs for people with disabilities. There are about 450 employees at Goodwill of which about half have some employment barriers.

CALENDAR

October and November Can Collections for Honor Band

- Oct. 23 Club meeting, program by John Parsoons.
- Oct. 27 Zone 3 meeting, Underwood, 6:30 p.m. supper.
- Oct. 27 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Football game gate collection, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Club meeting, program by John Parsons.
- Oct. 30 Road clean up with the Octagon Club, 9:30 a.m.?
- Oct. 30 Road clean up with the Cub Scouts, Elementary School parking lot, 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 6 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Nov. 10 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Club meeting, program TBA. Lt. Governor Lucy Hough's visit.
- Nov. 13 Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Dec. 2 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.

Birthdays

- 10/17 MARSHA UNDERWOOD#
- 10/29 BILL VORTHMANN #

Anniversaries

- 10/5 TIM LARSEN
- 10/17 DENNIS WHITE#

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P.S. A group from Chicago spent a weekend gambling in Las Vegas. One of the men on that trip won \$100,000. He didn't want anyone to know about it, so he decided not to return with the group. Instead, he took a later plane to arrive home at 3 a.m. He immediately went out to the backyard of his home, dug a hole, and planted the money in it. He couldn't sleep well and early the following morning he walked outside and found only an empty hole. He noticed footsteps leading from the hole to the house next door, which was owned by a deaf mute. On the same street lived a professor who understood sign language and was a friend of the deaf man. Grabbing his pistol, the enraged man went to awaken the professor, and he dragged him over to the deaf man's house. "You tell this guy that if he doesn't give my back my \$100,000, I'm going to shoot him!" he screamed at the professor. The professor conveyed the message to his friend, and his friend replied in sign language, "I hid it in my backyard, underneath the cherry tree." The professor turned to the man with the gun and said, "He's not going to tell you. He said he'd rather die first."

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