



# 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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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

**F** The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning November 13, 2004 at St Paul's Lutheran Church. JOHN KLEIN has arranged for Maxine Klahn to speak about residential development around Treynor. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING MEETINGS

**R** At the Club meeting on 10/30 there were 23 members present. Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. VIRGIL HOLST led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to RICHARD VORTHMANN. JOHN K. received the 50/50 and contributed it to the Endowment.

**I** JIM CLAUSEN and JERRY HEMPEL each contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund for football game achievements. DENNIS WHITE added a dollar in recognition of his wedding anniversary, and CHAD GUTTAU added dollar for President Bush's visit in Council Bluffs.

**E** Pres. JEFF reminded all that Endowment contributions at this meeting would be matched by Treynor Insurance Services.

**N** Pres. JEFF announced the next Club meeting would be at the Treynor Elementary School library.

**D** Pres. JEFF stated that the 4-H organization would be recognizing our Club for our support of local 4-H clubs at a meeting on November 21 at the ISD Lied Center. Past Pres. JERRY said he could represent our Club.

**O** ARLYN NORRIS circulated a sign-up sheet for devotional prayers each Club meeting.

**F** Pres. JEFF circulated a Thank You card from Cub Pack 729 for the use of the Can Kennel. The funds will be used for the annual Blue and Gold Banquet. There are four dens organized in the Pack this year under the new leadership of Cubmaster Jill Orr.

**O** LARRY KRAMER reported that he and RICHARD and BOB HIBBARD attended the Zone 3 meeting in Underwood. Optimists from Treynor, Griswold, Neola, and Underwood attended. Junior Optimists from Neola and Underwood were also present. The next Zone meeting will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January hosted by our Club.

**F** Pres. JEFF appointed a committee to consider improvements to the Can Kennel facility. RICHARD, JOHN K., LARRY, BOB, and KEITH DENTON were named to the committee.

**Y** At the Club meeting on 11/6 there were 21 members and one guest present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JERRY led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to CHAD and the 50/50 was awarded to JERRY.

**O** There were many contributions to the Youth Fund for deeds and recognitions. THERESA FAHRENKRUG added a dollar to announce the Eagle Scout Ceremony for her son, Brandon, is scheduled on December 5 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. KEITH added a dollar in recognition of his daughter's roommate, Staci Donahue, who is achieving her desire to be a singer in Nashville. KEVIN and MARSHA UNDERWOOD each added a dollar in recognition of achievement of the Treynor girl's volleyball team. GERALD FORRISTALL added a dollar to recognize his grandson's efforts on the Morningside

College football team. JOHN K. added a dollar in thanks for the assistance of LARRY with his attic insulation project. KEITH added a dollar to recognize LARRY'S help cleaning up storm damaged trees. Pres. JEFF asked for a quarter from anyone going to the wrong place for the meeting this morning. Sargent-at-Arms Bob asked for a quarter from everyone using a styrofoam cup.

Pres. JEFF thanked JOHN K. and LARRY for helping him work with the Cub Scouts on the highway cleanup on the afternoon of 10/30. They worked with seven other adults, seven cub scouts and one boy scout to pick up trash along a two-mile section of Highway 92 east of Treynor.

Pres. JEFF announced a Trent Collins Benefit was planned for December 4. Trent graduated from Treynor in 1993 and is in need of a liver transplant.

MILLI HARVEY said she and LES would organize a breakfast recognition for the Treynor girl's volleyball team as soon as it can be arranged.

Pres. JEFF announced the Club meeting would be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church next week when real estate agent Maxine Klahn will be speaking.

### CASINOS CAN BE WINNERS FOR SOME

Rita Sealock has served thirteen years as one of five members of the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to help monitor the growth of gaming in the state. As a resident of Council Bluffs, she represented South West Iowa on the Commission. Rita noted that during this period the three Casinos in Council Bluffs became established to the point they represent about one third of the gaming revenue in the state. Rita explained a report that showed the three casinos had a gross revenue of over \$34 million this past September. This is taxed at 1/2 percent each for the city, the county, the gambler treatment fund, and an endowment fund. The state of Iowa receives 26% tax revenue. It is hard, Rita noted, for governments to keep from relying on gaming revenue for routine services. Rita stated that there are about 4000 employees from Iowa and Nebraska working at the casinos. Furthermore, the casinos are required to purchase goods and services from local sources as much as possible. Locally, this benefits both Council Bluffs and Omaha businesses. The high hotel occupancy rates at the casinos in Council Bluffs indicates there are a lot of people traveling here from outside the region.

### CALENDAR

#### November Can Collections for Honor Band

- Nov. 10 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 13 Club meeting, program by Maxine Klahn. Lt. Governor Lucy Hough's visit.
- Nov. 13 Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Nov. 20 Club meeting, trip to Glenwood Recycle Center and Mills County Museum.
- Nov. 27 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec. 1 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 5 Eagle Scout Ceremony for Brandon Fahrenkrug, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

#### Birthdays

- 11/5 GENE GRELL 11/8 MICK GUTTAU
- 11/25 KATHY SCHMITT

#### Anniversaries

- 11/6 KENNETH GRAHAM, 11/22 LES & MILLIE HARVEY
- 11/22 JOHN KLEIN, 11/25 WARD CHAMBERS
- # recognized to date

**P.S.** The United States of America is the only country where it takes more time and brains to make out the income tax return than it does to make the income.

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