



# 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

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning November 27, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. JOHN KLEIN has arranged for Maxine Klahn to discuss residential development in the Treynor area. Invite a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 11/20 there were 16 members and one guest present. Pres. JEFF presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BOB HIBBARD led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to GERALD UNDERWOD, but it was not collected. The presence of LuEtta Vorthmann was noted by Pres. JEFF. Pres. JEFF appointed KEITH DENTON to be chairman of the Can Kennel committee. After the brief Club meeting, members adjourned and traveled to Glenwood. After breakfast at Rochelle's the group toured the can and bottle redemption center and the Mills County Museum.

### MULTIPLE BENEFITS FROM SORTING CANS

The collection and redemption of cans and bottles provides benefits to several parties along the process. First the youth groups sack cans and bottles separately. Then the cans and bottles from the Optimist Can Kennel are collected by Five Star Productions, a division of Five Star Quality Care, Inc., located in Glenwood, Iowa. The manager of Five Star Productions, Jim Westfall, explained that the Redemption Center they run in Glenwood is one of several business arrangements for employing individuals with impaired physical or mental disabilities. The in addition to can and bottle redemptions from local residents, Redemption Center route drivers collect cans and bottles throughout Mills County and at few places beyond such as the Treynor Can Kennel. Jim stated our Optimist Can Kennel operation is an important contribution to his Redemption Center operation, because he has the responsibility to keep can and bottle sorting work in front of from twelve to twenty workers five days a week. This work Jim explained involves segregating all cans and bottles by the bottling company which produced it. The work is complicated because multiple brand labels are used by each bottling company. For example the workers have to identify nine different Pepsi products, fourteen Coke products, and twenty-two different 7-UP products found in cans. Jim noted if a can does not match one of the bottling company labels then it is rejected for scrap aluminum and cannot be redeemed for the deposit. This includes independent and store labels, and labels produced

after the 1978 state anti-litter law. While store labels are redeemable, they have to be taken back to the store where originally purchased. This is generally impractical for the Redemption Center for containers purchased away from Glenwood. Also, Jim noted that many plastic bottles are rejected for redemption because they do not contain carbonated beverages or are new brands not covered by the law.

Jim stated that his employees work by the piece at the sorting and bagging process. Counting and tallying is an important part of the job. There are Five Star staff employees who oversee the work which is audited periodically by the bottling companies who pay Five Star six cents for each can and bottle redeemed. Jim indicated he is always looking for additional 'customers' who have cans and bottles to be redeemed to keep his Redemption Center crew busy. He can be reached at 712-527-9705



Jim Westfall, manager of the Redemption Center in Glenwood, explains the can sorting process to Optimist Club members.

### CALENDAR

#### November Can Collections for Honor Band

- Nov. 27 Club meeting, program by Maxine Klahn.
- Dec. 1 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 4 Club meeting, program TBA.
- 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.** A 10-year-old farm boy was telling his mother what he'd learned at Sunday School. "Well, our teacher told us about when God Sent Moses behind the enemy lines to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians. When they can to the Red Seas, Moses called for the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After they crossed, they looked back and saw the Egyptian tanks coming. Quick as a flash, Moses radioed headquarters on his walkie-talkie to send bombers to blow up the bridge and saved the Israelites."

"T.J.," exclaimed the startled mother, "is that really the way your teacher told you the story?" "Well, not exactly. But if I told it her way, you'd never believe it!"

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