



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA **NEWSLETTER**
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NEXT CLUB MEETING

F The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 17, 2005 at the Treynor Community Center. LARRY KRAMER has arranged for Barbara Robertson to speak about the Optimist International Personal Growth and Involvement program. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

R At the Club meeting on 12/10 there were 19 members and three guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge.

I The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN SCHMITT. The attendance pot was awarded to JIM CLAUSEN.

E Guests Dee Gutttau and Ester Fraizer were introduced.

N KEITH DENTON put a dollar in the Youth Fund to talk about a US flag he received from an airforce captain who carried it on his plane while bombing a target in Afghanistan. RICHARD VORTHMANN put in a dollar to announce that his son Roger and family received an award from the Iowa Cattlemen Association for the Outstanding Seed Stock Breeder of Iowa in 2005.

D Pres. GARY noted the next can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel is Wednesday the 14th at 6 p.m. TIM GREINER is Club coordinator with the junior class After-the-Prom Committee which receives the redemptions during December and January.

O Pres. GARY announced that ushers are needed at the Elementary Christmas program on the 19th.

LEARNING ABOUT AUSTRALIA

F Emily Eitmann is a freshman at Treynor High School. This past summer she was selected to join other students from Iowa and Nebraska to form a Student Ambassador group of the People-to-People program to visit Australia. Emily explained the People-to-People program was started by former US President Dwight Eisenhower and is now continued by his daughter. The main program objective is for greater understanding among peoples of all nations by direct interaction and exchange of cultural information. During the trip to Australia, Emily stayed with a host

family for a while to get a more intimate feel for life there. The rest of the time the group saw many features of Australia through planned tours and activities. Along the way Emily chose several souvenirs including currency, opals, boomerang, and didjeridu that she displayed. Opals are mined in Australia, Emily noted. The boomerang and didjeridu are Australian aboriginal developed items for hunting and music. The didjeridu is a hollow tube that is blown somewhat like a trumpet. The aborigines used a small tree trunk with a slight flare that had been hollowed out by termites to make the didjeridu. Club member KELLEY MCGOWEN demonstrated how to blow it. No one offered to demonstrate the boomerang. Emily described several natural features of Australia such as hot springs, mountains, and wild life she enjoyed observing. She noted that two animals in the world that can not back up because of their tails are kangaroos and wallabies. At one café she ate a meal while observing wildlife on the ground nearby, and she observed a snake eat a frog. Emily said her observations made her want to return to Australia. But, there were some experiences that were not so inviting. She does not want to sample Kangaroo steak again, after all she grew up on a farm and Iowa beef has no comparison.

CALENDAR

December Can Collections for Junior Class

- Dec. 14 Can and bottle sorting, 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17 Club meeting, program by Barbara Robertson, Iowa District Optimist Chair of P.G.I.
- Dec. 19 Elementary Christmas Program, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 24 & 31 no meetings.

January Can Collections for Junior Class

- Jan. 4 Can and bottle sorting, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jan. 13 Spaghetti Supper

Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL#, 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD#
- 12/31 JEFF NELSON

Anniversaries

- 12/21 WES NELSON, 12/27 GARY GUTTAU#
- 12/31 BOB HIBBARD#
- # recognized to date

Y P.S. A man and his friend were enjoying Deer Hunting Season in the mountains of rural Arkansas in sight of a nearby blacktop highway. A huge buck walked by and the hunter carefully drew his bow and took careful aim. Before he could release his arrow, his friend pointed at a funeral procession passing on the road below their stand. The hunter slowly let off the pressure on his bow, took off his hat, bowed his head and closed his eyes in prayer.

His friend was amazed. "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You are the kindest man I have ever known."

The hunter shrugged. "Yeah, well, we were married for 35 years."

Thanks to Richard Vorthmann for Newsletter notes.

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