



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA **NEWSLETTER**  
Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**F** The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 7, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. DALE WILLENBORG has arranged for Ronald Thurber, retired architect and director of the Mormon Trails Center in Florence, NE to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

**REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING**

**R** At the Club meeting on 12/17 there were 25 members and three guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotional prayer.

**I** The 50/50 was awarded to RICHARD VORTHMANN. The attendance pot was awarded to JOHN S.

**E** KEITH DENTON put a dollar in the Youth Fund to advertise a house for rent. His son and daughter-in-law have purchased a house. Pres. GARY added two dollars because he forgot to ask for the devotional prayer at the last Club meeting.

**N** Pres. GARY presented to the Treynor High School Junior Optimist Octagon Club a check for \$716.15 from can and bottle redemptions in November. Club president Trica Potter and member Melisa Nielsen accepted the check accompanied by advisor STEVE IRVIN. Trica, the club president, said there were about twenty club members and they were using part of the funds for charitable contributions.

**D** Thanks to Pres. GARY, JOHN KLEIN, TIM GREINER, and RICHARD for working at the Can Kennel with the Junior Class last week. The next sorting is January 4. Also, thanks to RICHARD, BILL VORTHMANN, and LARRY KRAMER for setting up a support for the temporary shelter over the Can Kennel.

**O** JOHN K. announced he was working to secure grant funding for a more permanent shelter over the Can Kennel from the Iowa DOT 'Keep Iowa Beautiful' program. LARRY offered to help him meet the 12/31 deadline.

**F** Pres. GARY reminded members about the need for volunteers to help usher the crowd for the Treynor Elementary School Christmas Program on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Workers should be there by 6 p.m.

**Y** LARRY reported on progress of the Treynor Highway Signage committee. Site locations were being evaluated and landowners are being contacted. High school students have been asked to submit design ideas by January 16. A couple of nice designs have been submitted by college students. Design concepts from anyone are welcome.

Pres. GARY reminded everyone that the next Club meeting is January 7. He wants to have the monthly Board meeting after the Club meeting.

Pres. GARY announced that we would have the community Spaghetti Supper before the basketball games with Riverside on January 13. The supper will be held at Zion Church across highway 92 from the high school. Mark your calendars. Many members are needed to serve the public from 5 to 7 p.m. (not to mention preparation and clean up)

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned a mysterious envelope with some new bidding rules. One had to pay a dollar before the start of bidding if they wanted to see the contents of the envelope (a gift certificate to a restaurant provided by JEFF).

**PERSONAL GROWTH AND INVOLVEMENT**

Barbara Robertson from Underwood, IA, spoke to Club members about the Optimist International program available to all members to enhance personal growth and involvement. Barbara is the Iowa District Optimist Chair of the P.G.I. program. She explained several benefits to members and to clubs provided by the program, which offers every Optimist member the opportunity to grow personally and learn more about Optimism while advancing through ten levels of involvement, personal growth and achievement. Barbara noted that the elements of each level of PGI are presence, participation, club growth, organization knowledge, communication, and self-development. According to Barbara, P.G.I. participation allows one to receive the benefits of the O.I. Skills Development Modules. These include public speaking, effective time management, managing change, creative problem solving, choosing Optimism as a way of life, orientation to optimism for new members, parliamentary procedure, team building, leadership styles and profiles, and mentoring. Barbara encouraged all members to take advantage of the P.G.I. program.

**CALENDAR**

**December Can Collections for Junior Class**

- 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 p.m.
- Jan. 7 Club meeting, program by Ronald Thurber. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Jan. 13 Spaghetti Supper, Zion Church. 5 to 7 p.m.
- Jan. 14 Club meeting, program by Beverly Repouille.
- Jan. 21 Club meeting, program by John Behrends.
- Jan. 25 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

**Birthdays**

- 1/19 DENNIS WHITE, 1/20 PENNY NELSON
- 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT

**Anniversaries -none**

# recognized to date

**H** P.S. A man applying for a job asked the interviewer whether the company would pay for his hospital insurance. The interviewer said the worker would have to pay it and it would be deducted from his paycheck. "The last place I worked the company paid it," the man said. "Did they pay for your life insurance, too?" the interviewer asked. "Sure they did," the man said, "not only that, we got unlimited sick leave, severance pay, three week's vacation, a Christmas bonus, and coffee breaks." "Then why did you leave such a perfect place?" the interviewer asked. "The company folded," the man replied.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

