



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning February 11, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JIM CLAUSEN has arranged for Treynor High School girl's sports coach, Gail Hartigan, to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 2/4 there were 29 members and thirty guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to KEITH DENTON. The attendance pot was awarded to JUDY GUTTAU, but it could not be collected.

Twenty-five parents and youth of the Silver-Keg 4-H Club were present to decorate tables and prepare and serve a delicious breakfast for Club members and guests. This was in appreciation for Club support of Treynor area youth.

Several February birthdays were recognized. Pres. FUNKHOUSER, DICK BABER, and LARRY KRAMER each contributed to the Youth Fund. JERRY HEMPEL contributed a dollar to note his son Ryan won the 5th grade Spelling Bee.

Leaders of Cub Scout Pack 729 thanked the Club for helping judge craftsmanship and uniqueness of the Pine Wood Derby cars and determine race winners. Special thanks go to JOHN KLEIN, BOB HIBBARD, CHAD GUTTAU, and LARRY KRAMER for participating.

Treynor high sophomore Megan Godfrey spoke to the group about her plans for a 2 week study trip to England in June to learn about Shakespeare.

A large group of students and adults made quick work of the recent can and bottle sorting at the Optimist Can Kennel. Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, LES and MILLI HARVEY, GARY and CHAD GUTTAU, TIM GREINER, and LARRY KRAMER for helping the high school junior class. This month the Optimists are using the Can Kennel for funds to support individual student activities through the coming year.

JOHN KLEIN announced that there is a Treynor Swim Day scheduled on February 26.

LARRY KRAMER noted that nine members were planning to attend the upcoming 2nd Quarter Iowa District Optimist meeting in Council Bluffs.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER auctioned three plates of candies contributed by Dee Guttau. He also auctioned a miniature FM radio contributed by BOB HIBBARD

JOHN KLEIN noted that JEFF JORGENSEN was recuperating at home from his medical emergency of last week.

REMINDER: Some member dues are still due for the current quarter. See Treasurer RICHARD VORTHMANN if you're not sure.

P.S. The candidate's wife dropped heavily into an easy chair, kicked off her shoes and sighed: "Boy, what a day—I've never been so tired in my life."

"Why should you be so tired?" growled her husband. "Think of me making seven speeches to the voters. You didn't have to do that."

"That's right," agreed the weary wife, "but, remember I had to listen to all of them."

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There were seven members plus one Club member present at the Board meeting held after the Club meeting. RICHARD VORTHMANN reported financial assets of \$8300 plus an endowment balance of \$1617. He noted an income of just over \$1000 from the Spaghetti Supper. DICK BABER presented plans to build a new Optimist club in Lamoni, IA. A motion to support the club building effort in cooperation with the Osceola club was accepted. A motion to give Megan Godfrey \$100 in support of her educational trip was approved. The need for leadership and scheduling of several upcoming Club projects was discussed.

SEEKING NEW LEADERSHIP FOR IOWA

Bob Vander Plaats spoke to Club members about his desire to be governor of Iowa. Originating from Sioux City, Vander Plaats emphasized that Iowa needs more leadership in state government rather than politics as usual. Vander Plaats was a teacher, coach, and high school principal for eleven years. More recently he has been CEO of a health care and human services business. Currently he is President of MVP Leadership a consulting service for business, education, and foundations. Vander Plaats noted that business leadership is needed in Iowa as the state is ranked next to last among all other states in hospitable business environment, business opportunities, and available private venture capital. However, it is ranked first with both parents in a family working. Vander Plaats said as governor he would push for reform to reduce the number of representatives and senators, to change state agencies to create a better business environment, and to achieve better money management at the state level. As a Republican candidate for governor, the first hurdle for Vander Plaats is the primary election in June.

CALENDAR

February Can Collections for Optimist Youth Contributions

- Feb. 11 Club meeting, program by Gail Hartigan.
- Feb. 11 Regional Iowa District Optimist meeting, Council Bluffs, 9:25 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15 Can and bottle sorting.
- Feb. 18 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 25 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 26 Treynor Swim Day
- Mar. 1 Can and bottle sorting.

March Can Collections for Treynor Music Boosters

Birthdays

- 2/1 DICK BABER#, 2/5 LARRY KRAMER#
- 2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN 2/13 GARY FUNKHOUSER#

Anniversaries

- 2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL, 2/6 JON JACOBSEN
- 2/15 KELLY McGOWEN, 2/23 RICHARD VORTHMANN # recognized to date

