



# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

Iowa District, Zone 3, Club Number 40-109

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning February 25, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JIM CLAUSEN has arranged for Treynor School Superintendent Kevin Elwood to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 2/18 there were 22 members and three guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. DALE WILLENBORG led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JIM CLAUSEN. The attendance pot was awarded to JON JACOBSEN, but it could not be collected.

Special thanks to Julia Funkhouser for baking delicious rolls for the Club meeting.

Gayle Forristall, son of GERALD FORRISTALL was welcomed as a visitor. Gayle and family reside in Germany. John Childers, son-in-law of BOB HIBBARD, was also welcomed.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER added a dollar to the Youth Fund to say his son was promoted to Captain in the Nebraska State Patrol. GARY GUTTAU also added a dollar in support of the good Treynor High School wrestling team efforts this year.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER presented DICK BABER with his membership pin and welcomed him into our Club. DICK is originally from Lamoni, IA and he spoke of plans to organize an Optimist Club there starting with a meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Lamoni is a community of about 2100 plus a college campus.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER asked members to encourage others in Treynor community to join in on our service to youth and community.

Thanks to Pres. FUNKHOUSER, GARY and CHAD GUTTAU, JOHN KLEIN, STEVE IRVIN, LES HARVEY, BOB HIBBARD, and LARRY KRAMER for sorting and sacking at the Can Kennel last week.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced submissions from Treynor High School students for the Optimist International Essay contest would be judged and the best essay would be forwarded to the District level in the upcoming week. The theme of those essays is "I'm unique because..."

Attending the Iowa District Optimist Western Regional Conference last Saturday were Pres. FUNKHOUSER, LARRY KRAMER, BOB HIBBARD, GARY and CHAD GUTTAU, DICK BABER, and RICHARD VORTHMANN. KRAMER reported that the meeting room was crowded, but the featured speaker, Dr. Michael Allen, from Aurora, NE, presented interested ideas on the subject "Bringing Out the Leader in You." Our Club was awarded recognitions for past achievements by Past Immediate Governor Dennis McGregor. These included Friend of Youth Activity, Multi-club Fund

Raising, and accumulative \$1000 contribution to Optimist International Foundation.

LES HARVEY announced that he and MILLI were planning to move to apartments at Risen Sun in Council Bluffs in March.

GARY GUTTAU offered to make arrangements for coffee and rolls at the next meeting.

LARRY KRAMER reported the Treynor Sign Committee was continuing to evaluate sign design concepts and locate potential placement sites. Sign ideas are still being received by the committee.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reminded everyone about the Treynor Swim Day scheduled on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 4 at Lewis Central pool.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned a "fat" piece of carrot cake and an envelope containing a mysterious certificate. A few members took the offer and paid a dollar to look at the certificate before bidding. The winner got a \$20 gift certificate from Lansky's Pizza in Council Bluffs.

### A NEED FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION

Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jeff Danker spoke to Club members about a project to improve communications between county and city law enforcement and fire protection departments. Sheriff Danker noted that county and Council Bluffs units currently use different radio frequencies, which does not allow direct and timely communication. A grant from the federal Homeland Security Agency is available toward installing an integrated communication system, Sheriff Danker explained. While it is not enough to pay the entire cost, it does provide motivation to plan a better communication system. Furthermore, Sheriff Danker stated, the current county system is aged and inadequate and new FCC rules require a future change in the available transmission frequency bands that will make the current radios unusable. According to Sheriff Danker, it is a big task with multiple objectives, but some day all governmental entities should be able to communicate more effectively, especially during emergencies.

### CALENDAR

#### February Can Collections for Optimist Youth Contributions

- Feb. 25 Club meeting, program by Kevin Elwood.
- Feb. 26 Treynor Swim Day, Lewis Central, 1 - 4 p.m.
- Mar. 1 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m..

#### March Can Collections for Treynor Music Boosters

- Mar. 4 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 11 Club meeting, program by Jerry Christensen
- Mar. 17 Zone meeting, Zion Church.

#### 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

P.S. The police station had been quite most of the week. Things were so slow the detectives were playing cards to pass the time. "What a life," grumbled one of the officers. "No fights, no thefts, no riots, no murders, no nothin'." "Rest easy, Mike," said the captain. "Things'll break soon. You just gotta have faith in human nature."

