



# 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 March 11, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. RICHARD VORTHMANN has arranged for Treynor High School Basketball Coach Jerry Christensen to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 3/4 there were 27 members and one guest present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU. The attendance pot was awarded to JERYL UNDERWOOD.

DENNIS WHITE introduced his son Matt as a guest.

JERYL UNDERWOOD put a dollar in the Youth Fund to recognize his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. GENE SERAN and KEITH DENTON each added dollars to recognize their anniversaries. DENTON added another dollar to discuss the photo he found at home. It was taken at the Omaha Stock Yards in March of 1925 when Fritz Stortenbecker sold a lot of hogs that brought the market top price. LARRY KRAMER contributed a dollar for the error in the Newsletter last week. He forgot to recognize LES HARVEY for the Club meeting notes. RICHARD VORTHMANN added a dollar to tell about his grandson, age nine, from Anita who took his ice scraper creation to the next level of competition of the Invention Convention in Council Bluffs. BOB HIBBARD also added a dollar to announce the new baby in the neighborhood at the Polands.

Thanks to BOB HIBBARD, JOHN KLEIN, and GARY and CHAD GUTTAU, and Brian Carolus for helping at the Treynor Swim Day last week. They reported that thirty youth participated. HIBBARD noted he found a youth wristwatch left behind and took it to the Elementary School office.

JEFF JORGENSEN circulated a binder with a collection of newspaper clippings of activities of our Club during the past year.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced that Laura Fischer was chosen as first place winner in the Optimist International Essay contest for Treynor. Her essay was forwarded to the District competition.

JOHN KLEIN announced the 2006 Arbor Day activity with elementary students was scheduled on April 21. The holes for seven trees will be prepared the day before.

LES and MILLI HARVEY announced they would be moving to an apartment at Risen Son Christian Village within a few weeks. Their house is planned for sale in April.

DICK BABER reported on the trip to Lamoni, IA to discuss new club building. He was accompanied by LARRY KRAMER and joined by Iowa District Governor Jim Boyd of Urbandale. Another meeting is scheduled the 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss with additional Lamoni residents the benefits of an Optimist Club in their community.

Thanks to Pres. FUNKHOUSER, GARY and CHAD GUTTAU, JEFF JORGENSEN, JOHN KLINE, RICHARD VORTHMANN, STEVE IRVIN and LARRY KRAMER for sorting and sacking in a gusty wind at the Can Kennel last week. Can and bottle collections for March are for the benefit of the Treynor Music Boosters.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER distributed 'Just Ask' buttons to members as a reminder to encourage community-minded residents to be of service through our Club.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced that four Treynor students will participate in a Quiz Bowl activity in Griswold on March 14. Our Club contributed to purchase of the contest equipment last fall so that Treynor students could engage in this activity.

DICK BABER noted that CHAD GUTTAU was selected as the 'Volunteer of the Year' by the Pottawattamie County Republican Party.

Seven Board members meet briefly after the Club meeting to discuss Club business. Treasurer RICHARD VORTHMANN reported club assets of \$8700 plus an endowment balance of \$1617. JEFF JORGENSEN presented an activity whereby commemorative balls or other sports equipment signed by Treynor teams would be auctioned to the community. He was encouraged to follow up on his idea. LARRY KRAMER was appointed to organize the Bike Safety activity. GARY GUTTAU volunteered to organize the hosting for the upcoming Zone meeting. STEVE IRVIN volunteered to head up the committee to select senior scholarship candidates.

### HELPING STUDENTS MAKE CHOICES

STEVE IRVIN presented to Club members an overview of the counseling and guidance program provided to Treynor elementary and high school students. IRVIN described programs he has set up for the transition of students from elementary to high school and from high school to postsecondary education, or to military, or to the work force. According to IRVIN, the transition from elementary to high school is a new experience and a critical time in the development of youth. He noted that the state requires an 8<sup>th</sup> grader to prepare a four year plan of education. IRVIN participates in planning, testing, orientation, and career exploration with each student as they obtain their basic education in the Treynor schools. IRVIN noted that a high percentage of Treynor high school graduates go on for college education. Treynor Schools are fortunate to have the services of a full time guidance counselor to help each youth his reach his best potential.

### CALENDAR

#### March Can Collections for Treynor Music Boosters

- Mar. 11 Club meeting, program by Jerry Christensen.
- Mar. 15 Can and bottle sorting.
- Mar. 18 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 25 Club meeting, program by Hubert Houser.
- Mar. 27 Host Zone meeting, Zion Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 Can and bottle sorting.

#### April Can Collections for Boy Scouts High Adventure Trip

- Apr. 21 Arbor Day at Elementary School.

### Birthdays

- 3/2 JERYL UNDERWOOD#, 3/2 WARD CHAMBERS
- 3/8 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 3/11 KENNETH GRAHAM,
- 3/20 JON JACOBSEN

### Anniversaries

- 3/4 GENE SERAN#, 3/8 KEITH DENTON#
- 3/15 DICK BABER, 3/15 JEFF NELSON
- # recognized to date

P.S. The young student stated to the teacher, "Miss Francis, I ain't got no crayons." She abruptly replied, "Young man, you mean, I don't have any crayons. You don't have any crayons. We don't have any crayons. They don't have any crayons. Do you see what I'm getting at?" The student replied, "I think so. But, what happened to the crayons?"