



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 18, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. RICHARD VORTHMANN has arranged for Treynor High School Principal JOEL BOHLKEN to speak. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 3/1 there were 24 members and nine guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BOB HIBBARD led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JEFF JORGENSEN. The attendance pot was awarded to MICK GUTTAU, but it could not be collected.

Matt White and Aaron Poland were welcomed as guests. Treynor High School Juniors Rachel Clark, Nicole Schmidt, Joey Fisher, and Jared Greiner; and parents Caryl Fisher and Janet Greiner were also welcomed. The junior class students and parents received a check for the amount of \$1402.60 from their activity at the Can Kennel during December and January. The funds will be used by the After-the-Prom Committee.

Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from Les Harvey and Marsha Underwood in recognition of the achievement of the Treynor High School girl's basketball team at the state tournament.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER asked for volunteers to help STEVE IRVIN on the scholarship committee. DALE WILLENBORG and TERESA FAHRENKRUG said they would help.

LARRY KRAMER announced the Bike Safety Day is planned on Saturday April 22.

President FUNKHOUSER shared an announcement from the Optimist Club of Bellevue, NE. They are sponsoring a soap box derby on June 17 and 18 and invite youth to participate.

JOHN KLEIN announced that the Iowa Department of Transportation has approved a grant of \$3535 for the improvement of the Can Kennel. Pres. FUNKHOUSER noted the next can and bottle sorting is scheduled on the 15th after school at 3:45 p.m.

JEFF JORGENSEN announced he is arranging a social dinner for Club members and guests on the 26th. It will likely be at The Rose, so mark your calendars and plan to join in.

JORGENSEN auctioned three jars of MILLI HARVEY'S home canned pickles and two tickets to the upcoming Martina McBride concert in the Council Bluffs MAC Center to spirited bidding.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reminded members about the upcoming Zone meeting at Zion church on the 27th. We will prove a light supper for attendees starting at 6:30 p.m.

KRAMER announced the next meeting of the community sign committee would be on the 28th.

EIGHT SECONDS OF POSSESSION

Treynor High Boy's Basketball Coach Jerry Christensen spoke about the route to the state tournament during his final season as coach. Christensen noted this is the fourth time the past six years the team has participated in the state tournament. In Christensen's 38 years of coaching at Treynor the team has been among the top four of the conference 28 times and have given him 517 winning games. He has 618 total career wins. Christensen stated that this season he emphasized the importance of defense and as a result only two teams scored more than fifty against Treynor. He found from examining game records that the average time a player has possession of the basketball is only 8 seconds. Thus, only 8 seconds of opponent defense is needed to interrupt a dribble, a pass, or a shot at the basket. Christensen said he also emphasized getting rebounds and controlling the game tempo. The end result was an undefeated team going to the state tournament. Christensen remarked that great athletes make good coaches, and he has been fortunate to work with good athletes over the years. Christensen stated he was recently honored by being chosen by the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association for the second time to coach an Iowa All Star team this coming June.

CALENDAR

March Can Collections for Treynor Music Boosters

- Mar. 15 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.
- Mar. 18 Club meeting, program by JOEL BOHLKEN.
- Mar. 25 Club meeting, program by Hubert Houser.
- Mar. 26 Club Dinner, The Rose, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 27 Host Zone meeting, Zion Church, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.

April Can Collections for Boy Scouts High Adventure Trip

- Apr. 1 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Apr. 21 Arbor Day at Elementary School.
- Apr. 22 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 10 a.m

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. Why did the chicken cross the road?

The New York City policeman said, "You give me five minutes with the chicken and I'll find out."

The Bible says, "And God said unto the chicken, 'Thou shalt cross the road.' And the chicken crossed the road, and there was much rejoicing."

Hemingway said, "He crossed the road. To Die. In the rain."

Martin Luther King Jr. said, "I see a world where all chickens will be free to cross roads and no one will ask why."

Einstein said, "Did the chicken cross the road or was the road moved to the other side of the chicken."

The President said, "To the best of my recollection, that chicken did not engage in what I would call road-crossing behavior."