



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 April 15, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JOHN SCHMITT has arranged for Bill Riley to speak about working at the South Pole. The meeting begins at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 4/8 there were 23 members and one guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. STEVE IRVIN led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to TIM GREINER. The attendance pot was awarded to KEVIN ELWOOD, but it could not be collected.

The 39th anniversary of JIM and Diane CLAUSEN and the 20th anniversary of TERESA and Brian FAHRENKRUG were recognized as they contributed to the Youth Fund. GARY GUTTAU added a dollar to recognize the Treynor Jazz Band's 15th trip to the state competition.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER reported some actions of the recent Board meeting. Thirty dollars was given to Zion Church for use of the facility for the Zone meeting. Approximately \$200 will be given for additional books in support of the accelerated reading program at Treynor Schools. This includes associated software for testing and recording achievement of readers. Pres. FUNKHOUSER noted that the high school Octagon Club had also contributed \$150 toward this project.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced that DALE WILLENBORG agreed to be Vice President and President Elect during the next Optimist year.

LES HARVEY announced the next can and bottle sorting with the Boy Scouts would be this coming Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. He also announced that the Club meeting on May 6 would be at the high school and he and MILLI would provide breakfast before the program on education technology led by Shelly Bailey.

STEVE IRVIN announced a meeting of the scholarship committee after the Club meeting.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER asked for volunteers to work at the track meet on April 17.

DICK BABER commented on progress of building a new Optimist club in Lamoni, IA. There are two individuals there very interested and see a need to mentor students in a major transition in the community. They just began the process of building a new high school on the site of the present school. During the next school year, high school classes will be conducted at Graceland College while the new building is being constructed.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER described a plan by District Governor Jim Boyd to have an Optimist booth at the Iowa State Fair. Members agreed to the \$30 cost to support the plan.

JOHN KLEIN announced that the Arbor Day tree planting project with the elementary school students will begin on Thursday the 20th with the digging of holes for seven trees. Then the trees will be planted the next day by students with our assistance.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced that we would help the Botna Valley Optimist Club with their Soap Box Derby to be held at Oakland by judging at the finish line.

LARRY KRAMER reported that the Treynor City Council had approved adding a cement floor to the plans for rebuilding the Can Kennel. They are also preparing an agreement for operating the Can Kennel on city property.

P.S. A man appeared in a newspaper office to place an ad offering \$100 for the return of his wife's cat. "That's an awfully high price for a cat," the clerk suggested. "Not for this one," said the man. "I drowned it."

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced the 2006 Youth Appreciation Celebration will be held on Sunday May 7. More details will be announced later.

JOHN KLEIN noted arrangements are complete for the Extension Service to provide leadership of the Baby-Sitting/Child Care Clinic this year. It consists of four sessions after school for mainly 5th graders. It will be conducted at the high school in the Study Hall Room. The Treynor Junior Women will supervise the activity.

A NEWSPAPER IS A BUSINESS

Tom Schmitt is Chief Business Office and Editor of the Council Bluffs newspaper, 'The Nonpareil.' Schmitt spoke to Club members about the newspaper business and its unique relationship to its readers and community. There are three things that a newspaper does, Schmitt noted, 1) it reports news, 2) it mirrors the community, and 3) it reports history. The readership and community don't always think of the newspaper with these purposes. Schmitt noted that readers often complain that there is too much 'bad' news and not enough 'good' news. However, he noted that there is a lot of good news in the papers, but it is not discussed as much nor remembered. Schmitt noted that the internet has had more impact on the newspaper industry that radio, television, and cable TV. Nearly 40% of The Nonpareil readership is actually over the internet. Schmitt noted that The Nonpareil is 80% owned by the Omaha World Herald and during the five years he has been the news director there has been more local news printed.

CALENDAR

April Can Collections for Boy Scouts High Adventure Trip

- Apr. 12 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 15 Club meeting, program by Bill Riley.
- Apr. 17 Treynor High track meet.
- Apr. 20 Preparation for Arbor Day. Dig holes, 7 p.m.
- Apr. 21 Arbor Day at Elementary School. Set trees.
- Apr. 22 3rd Quarter Iowa District Conference and Optimist International President's Visit, Des Moines.
- Apr. 24 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- Apr. 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 28 Bike Safety Program, Elementary School, Highway Patrol Officer Scott Miller.
- Apr. 29 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 10 a.m.

April Can Collections for Optimists Scholarships

- May 1 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- May 6 Club meeting at Treynor High School, program by Shelly Bailey, breakfast provided by LES and MILLI HARVEY.
- May 7 Youth Appreciation Celebration.
- May 8 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- May 13 Club meeting, program by KELLY MCGOWEN.

Birthdays

- 4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS, 4/28 GENE SERAN
- 4/30 BILL MATTHEW

Anniversaries

- 4/ 4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT#, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN#
- 4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG#
- # recognized to date