



# 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 May 6, 2006 at the Treynor High School Commons. LES and MILLI HARVEY are sponsoring a breakfast to celebrate their birthdays. Serving will start at 7 a.m. A program about technology applications to education will be presented by Kelly Bailey. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 4/29 there were 22 members and one guest present. V. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting by leading the pledge. LARRY KRAMER led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to MILLI HARVEY. The attendance pot was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU, but he could not collect it.

DICK BABER contributed a dollar to the youth fund to express thanks that he had a visit from his son from Oregon and grand daughter from Omaha.

Thanks to LES HARVEY and JOHN KLEIN for helping the Boy Scouts with their recent can and bottle sorting. The next sorting time is May 10. This will be done by Club members for scholarships. HARVEY will open the Can Kennel at 6 p.m. A draft of an agreement between the City of Treynor and our Club for management of the Can Kennel was reviewed. LARRY KRAMER said he would present questions and concerns at the upcoming City Council meeting.

V. Pres GUTTAU noted there was a district track meet coming up on the 13<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are needed throughout the day to help at the gate and with parking.

LARRY KRAMER reported on the recent Iowa District Optimist Conference. Awards were received from Past Governor Dennis McGregor and Optimist International President Michel Listenberger recognizing achievements of the last Optimist year. KRAMER presented to Past Pres. JEFF JORGENSEN, Secretary TERESA FAHRENKRUG, and Treasurer RICHARD VORTHMANN recognitions of appreciation for helping our Club to achieve Honor Club status, which was obtained by only one-third of District clubs. KRAMER reported he won a \$40 entry fee for a participant in the Iowa District Junior Golf Tournament, June 22 in Marshalltown. Tournament entry information was passed along to TODD GORDON to find an interested youth.

V. Pres. GUTTAU announced the Board meeting would be postponed a week until May 13.

LARRY KRAMER reported on the Bike Safety Day events. Due to rain Friday and Saturday the outdoor activities are rescheduled on May 6. Iowa State Police Officer Scott Miller and KRAMER spoke to an assembly of about 300 elementary students Friday

afternoon. Officer Miller explained rules of the road for riding bikes, purpose and proper use of bike helmets, and traffic safety and rider safety features on a bike that need to be maintained. KRAMER explained the rescheduling of the bike inspection and riding skills tests and showed the prizes to be given out by an attendance drawing at the outdoor event. Wal-Mart has provided two bicycles and helmets and Kmart has provided a helmet for prizes. Our Club is also giving away some additional helmets. Needless to say, many volunteers are needed next Saturday to conduct the bike inspections and monitor the riding skills course.

### RUNNING A FAMILY OWNED NEWSPAPER

Craig Olsen of Neola, IA spoke to Club members about the business of running a family owned newspaper-the Gazette. With a circulation of about 2000 the Gazette is the largest weekly newspaper in western Iowa, Olsen explained. Additionally, copies are mailed to subscribers in 36 states, 6 countries, and to several servicemen around the world. Olsen noted he spent considerable amount of time following the sports activities of four area high schools. Olsen said that he tries to follow about fifty students from these high schools currently playing in college sports. He stated that this is really the fun part of the reporting and publishing work. The part that is more tedious is getting the papers in the right sequence for mail route delivery and keeping up with address changes. Olsen noted that there is more good news to publish, but there is not enough advertising to pay for it.

### CALENDAR

#### May Can Collections for Optimists Scholarships

- May 6 Club meeting at Treynor High School, program by Shelly Bailey, breakfast sponsored by LES and MILLI HARVEY.  
Bike Safety, Elementary School, 10 a.m.
- May 7 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church, 3 p.m.
- May 8 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- May 10 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- May 13 Club meeting, program by KELLY McGOWEN.  
Board meeting after the Club meeting.  
District Track Meet, all day.
- May 15 Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic, Treynor High School.
- May 20 Club meeting, program TBA.
- May 24 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- May 27 Club meeting, program by Tom Johnson

#### Birthdays

- 5/11 KEITH DENTON, 5/20 KELLY SUTHERLAND
- 5/21 STEVE IRVIN, 5/22 LINNEA WHITE

#### Anniversaries

- 5/27 BOB ABBOTT, 5/29 BILL MATTHEW
- # recognized to date

P.S. It's the newspaper headline writers who really decide who will be president. To fit into the headline space, names have to be reduced to three letters----FDR, HST, Ike, JFK---. A poor guy named Stanford O. Buckley just wouldn't have a chance.