



# 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 20, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. LES HARVEY has arranged for Matt Zimmerman to speak about his experiences working as an assistant in the British Parliament. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 5/13 there were 21 members and two guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. DALE WILLENBORG led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to KELLY McGOWEN. The attendance pot was awarded to JERYL UNDERWOOD.

KEITH DENTON arrived the big six-o last week. This prompted him to contribute a dollar to the Youth Fund. He added another because his daughter traveled from Tennessee to help him celebrate his birthday.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER expressed thanks to all who helped with the Youth Appreciation Celebration last week. Special thanks to TERESA FAHRENKRUG and KATHY SCHMITT for setting up the reception.

LARRY KRAMER thanked the many Optimists and Octagon members who helped with the Bike Safety events.

ARLYN NORRIS circulated a sign-up sheet for members to lead the opening prayer for each Club meeting.

Thanks to all the workers at the district boys and girls track meet on the 13<sup>th</sup>. PRES. FUNKHOUSER, RICHARD VORTHMANN, BOB HIBBARD, LES HARVEY, JEFF JORGENSEN, and LARRY KRAMER collected the gate fee and helped the large crowd with parking.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced the next can and bottle sorting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This month the redemptions are for Optimist senior scholarships, so we are responsible for the sorting and sacking.

Assistant Cubmaster Joel Morrissey spoke to Club members about the need to replace the wooden Pine Wood Derby race track that the Cub Scout Pack owns. He presented plans for 35 ft long, 4 lane aluminum track with automatic timing and scoring features. The total cost is about \$1300. Morrissey noted it could be rented out for other Cub Packs to use.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER rescheduled the Board Meeting to May 20 after the regular Club meeting.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Zone meeting is scheduled at Griswold on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>. A light supper is

P.S. Son: Mom Hi. How are you? How's everything in Florida? Mom: Not too good. I've been very weak. Son: Why are you weak? Mom: Never mind. Son: What's wrong? Mom: Never mind. It's okay. Son: Why are you weak, Mom? Mom: I haven't eaten in thirty-eight days. Son: That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in thirty-eight days? Mom: Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call.

planned and Lt. Gov. Raymond Butt would like to know how many to prepare for. So let Pres. FUNKHOUSER know as soon as possible if you are going to attend.

### IT TAKES A LOT OF LOVE AND COMMITMENT

KELLY and Patti McGOWEN are adoptive parents to seven children ranging in age from preteen to early twenties. KELLY, a native of California, described how he grew up in a family with 8 children and played in the neighborhood with many cousins. KELLY and Patti have been married for 29 yr., but early in their marriage they realized that they could not have children. This was frustrating to both of them. When they were married Patti asked KELLY how many children he wanted, and he told her nine! They eventually focused on adopting children, but first they became foster parents. This required an extensive preparation of training and paperwork. Even then a year passed before the first opportunity to be foster parents. Patti explained that they received their first child after seven years of marriage and months of nervous anticipation. KELLY and Patti eventually became foster parents and then adoptive parents to seven children. Patti explained that they chose to be foster parents to children that had special needs, who were not likely to be returned to parents, and who had been treated poorly and had a poor home environment. Thus their adoption chances were greater for the children they chose. Patti noted it takes a lot of commitment with sacrifices to be adoptive parents. Each child is different with respect to needs and abilities. The abilities of some are impacted by substance abuse of their biological parents. Their first adopted child, Sheena, has a flair for writing and has published a book of poetry. The McGowens distributed book copies at the end of their presentation.

### CALENDAR

#### May Can Collections for Optimists Scholarships

- May 17 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- May 20 Club meeting, program by Matt Zimmerman. Board meeting after the Club meeting.
- May 22 Zone meeting at Griswold.
- May 27 Club meeting, program by Tom Johnson and Michelle Johnson
- May 31 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.

#### June Can Collections for Youth Baseball

#### 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