



# 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 June 3, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JEFF JORGENSEN has invited KFAB radio personality Tom Becka to speak. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF PREVIOUS CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 5/27 there were 23 members and eight guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARYLN NORRIS led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU. The attendance pot was awarded to JUDY GUTTAU, but it could not be collected.

LES HARVEY put a dollar in the Youth Fund in appreciation of a letter he received thanking him for his efforts years ago coaching youth about golf.

DICK BABER added a dollar because his alma mater, Graceland University, was mentioned by one of the guests.

Jessica Kiefer, Luann Hansen, and Michelle Johnson were recognized as recipients of 2006 Optimist Club scholarships. Jessica and Luann indicated they plan to attend Iowa State University, and Michelle has plans to attend Notre Dame University. Other scholarship recipients not present were Patricia Trotter and Blair Hartigan.

Troop 729 Scoutmaster Tom Schnepel, scout Ben Schnepel, and Assistant Scoutmaster TIM GREINER accepted a check from Treasurer RICHARD VORTHMANN in the amount of \$619.55 for redemptions at the Can Kennel in April. Scoutmaster Schnepel explained the funds would be used for the scout high adventure trip this summer to the northern boundary waters area. GREINER circulated a photo and thank you from scouts that participated in the Colorado horse pack ride last summer.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER noted the next can and bottle sorting is this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

JEFF JORGENSEN announced that the highway cleanup scheduled after the Club meeting will probably be cancelled because of rain.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER was joined by LES and MILLI HARVEY, BOB HIBBARD, and RICHARD VORTHMANN as they attended the Zone meeting last week and shared Club activities with other local clubs.

LARRY KRAMER reported the sign committee was getting more active in preparing a couple of design concepts to be presented at a public meeting June 20.

### USING WORDS TO DESCRIBE LIFE

Recent Treynor graduate Michelle Johnson spoke to Club members about her high school experiences and

P.S. A man is flying in a hot air balloon and realizes he is lost. He reduces his height and spots a man down below. He lowers the balloon more and shouts, "Excuse me, can you tell me where I am?" The man below says, "Yes, you're in a hot air balloon, hovering thirty feet above this field." "You must work in information technology," says the balloonist. "I do," replies the man. "How did you know?" "Well," says the balloonist, "everything you have told me is correct, but it is of no practical use to anyone." The man below says, "You must be a corporate manager." "I am," replies the balloonist. "How did you know?" "Well," says the man, "you don't know where you are or where you're going, but you expect me to solve your problem. You have the same problem you had before we met, but now it's my fault."

plans for the future. Her passion is words and her inspiration is life. Johnson enjoys reading and writing and has submitted written material for competition in the Scholastic Arts and Writing Program during her high school years. She has received Gold Key awards each of the past three years at the regional competition level. Also, this year she received a national silver honor award. Johnson explained the writing theme this year was 'self definition.' Johnson said she will miss her high school friends and especially the jazz band activities. Her goal is to work for a publisher where she can evaluate written materials submitted for publication, in other words, to get paid for reading!

### EDUCATION IS A SERVICE INDUSTRY

As Vice President of Business and Operations for Iowa Western Community College Tom Johnson is well aware of the trend of increasing student enrollment in Iowa community colleges. Johnson stated that during his nearly 13 years at IWCC there has been nearly \$70 in renovation and new construction. Construction of a new dormitory wing is to begin very soon. Of the current 5200 IWCC students, there are about 3000 full time students and 650 who live on campus. Johnson said that IWCC is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> largest IA community college and there are several exciting program changes underway. There is a new instrumental music program that is attracting increasing numbers of students. There are expanded offerings of on-line degree programs in cooperation with six other community colleges. There is greater cooperation with IA universities. There are expanded reciprocity agreements with regional colleges in NE and IA. Johnson noted that these changes have resulted in increased funding from the state to community colleges compared to that for universities. Because education is a service industry, about 85% of the budget goes for salaries and benefits. Student costs are about \$7000 per year to live on campus.

### CALENDAR

- May Can Collections for Optimists Scholarships**
- May 31 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- June Can Collections for High School Baseball Field**
- June 3 Club meeting, program by Tom Becka.
- June 10 Club meeting, program TBA.
- June 14 Can and bottle sorting.

### Birthdays

- 6/5 BOB ABBOTT, 6/9 LES HARVEY
- 6/20 JEFF JORGENSEN, 6/22 KEVIN ELWOOD

### Anniversaries

- 6/1 KEVIN ELWOOD, 6/3 ARLYN NORRIS
- 6/5 STEVE IRVIN, 6/15 STEVE CHAMBERS
- 6/26 LARRY KRAMER, 6/28 MICK GUTTAU
- # recognized to date

