



# 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 at 7:20 a.m. Saturday morning August 19, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has arranged for Iowa State Auditor David Vaudt to speak. This is an opportunity to hear first hand about the functions of this state office. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

### REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 8/12 there were 18 members and five guests present. LARRY KRAMER was representing our Club at the Iowa District Optimist Convention in Marshalltown, IA. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge and devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to guest speaker Harlen Hain. The attendance pot was awarded to JON JACOBSEN, but it was not collected.

Guests Bob Soloth and Lili Schneider of Treynor and Dave Burks and Doug Schema of Council Bluffs were introduced.

The birthday of CHAD GUTTAU was recognized as he put a dollar in the Youth Fund. TERESA FAHRENKRUG added a dollar for attending her 25<sup>th</sup> high school reunion. JEFF JORGENSEN felt very repentant for forgetting to open the Can Kennel last Wednesday for the last sorting, so he added a dollar to the fund and wore a necklace of empty cans and bottles throughout the meeting.

Thanks to RICHARD VORTHMANN, LES and MILLI HARVEY, JOHN KLEIN, JERYL, KEVIN and MARSHA UNDERWOOD, and GARY and CHAD GUTTAU for helping the cheerleaders with the last can and bottle sorting. The next sorting will be August 30.

JOHN KLEIN reported on the first meeting of the Lamoni Club which he attended with BOB HIBBARD and LARRY KRAMER. There were thirteen members in attendance with guests from the Osceola and Winterset Clubs, also. They decided to sponsor the Lamoni Civil War Days activity which is held during the Labor Day weekend. This is a community wide activity with invited persons to demonstrate historic Civil War military and period craftsmen activities. A couple of Lamoni club members have organized this community activity the past several years.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER circulated sign-up sheets for upcoming Club activities. Let him know how you can help during the 50/50 raffle sales and the Bingo activity during Treynor Days this coming weekend. Also, the first home football game is August 25 and gate and parking volunteers are needed. Additional home games are September 8 and 22 and October 6 and 27

JEFF JORGENSEN reported that the Cub Scout Pack has purchased a new Pinewood Derby Track which they described to us several months ago.

P.S. The plastic leg strips used to band birds are now inscribed, "Notify Fish & Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C." because of a blunder of a Midwest farmer. The bands used to read "Wash. Biol. Surv." which stood for "Washington Biological Survey". However the old bands had to be changed after a disgruntled farmer who shot a crow wrote a letter to the U.S. Government: "Dear Sirs, I shot one of your pet crows the other day and followed the instructions attached. I washed it, boiled it, and served it. It was terrible! You should stop trying to fool people with things like that."

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### WATCHING THE SUN COME UP IN THE WEST

Harlen Hain, a retired military pilot and Optimist member from Bellevue, NE, described to Club members his experience piloting the SR-71 Blackbird aircraft. This is a long-range supersonic reconnaissance plane capable of flying over three times the speed of sound at altitudes over 80,000 ft. Hain explained he started his career in the military as a pilot in the Korean War and flew four engine bombers such as the B-47 and B-52. He was assigned to the Offutt Air Base for a very secret new program that involved the SR-71. The SR-71 was designed to replace the U-2 reconnaissance plane which flew too slow and too low as witnessed by the downing of Gary Powers over the Soviet Union in 1960. The SR-71 design was developed in the late 1950's and early 1960's. President Johnson announced it to the public in 1964. Hain noted there were 32 planes built and there were 6 planes in the air at all times. The aircraft was designed with peripheral surveillance with six cameras on each side so it didn't have to fly over enemy territory. Hain explained that pilots of the SR-71 suited up like astronauts. The suits initially cost \$16,000, but later versions cost \$60,000. Hain noted the plane holds 80,000 gal. of fuel, but it couldn't take off loaded. Immediately after take off it was fueled in the air from specially outfitted KC-135 tanker planes flying as fast as possible at about 27,000 ft. The SR-71 could only hold enough fuel for 1.5 hr. of flight time, it was refueled again for the return to base. Hain explained that flying towards the west at Mach 3.2 cruising speed allowed him to observe the sun rise in the west as he was flying much faster than the earth's rotation. Also, at the cruising altitude of 80,000 ft. he could see the curvature of the earth on the horizon. After three decades of amazing performance with aircraft records that still stand, the SR-71 program was replaced by unmanned satellites.

### CALENDAR

#### August Can Collections for Cheer Leaders

- Aug. 19 Club meeting, program by IA State Auditor David Vaudt
- Aug. 19 Treynor Days Bingo, 1 – 4 p.m., 50/50 all day.
- Aug. 25 Football home game with Underwood.
- Aug. 26 Club meeting, program by Roy Schultz, retired D.V.M.
- Aug. 30 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

#### September Can Collections for Cub Scouts

#### Birthdays

8/11 CHAD GUTTAU#, 8/23 JUDY GUTTAU

#### Anniversaries

8/9 TIM GREINER, 8/13 JERRY HEMPEL

8/25 GARY FUNKHOUSER

# recognized to date

