



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 February 3, 2007 at the Treynor Community Center. DICK BABER has arranged for Kelly Sears to speak about the development of the Charles Lakin Campus for social services in Council Bluffs. The Silver-Keg 4-H Club is planning to provide a breakfast. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 1/27 there were 26 members and five guests present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting with the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS offered the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU. The attendance pot was awarded to JOEL BOHLKEN, but it couldn't be collected.

MICK GUTTAU has been a pilot for forty years and accident free, but he paid a dollar to the Youth Fund to tell about his recent plane crash. It was a remote controlled gift that was demolished on the maiden flight!

Treynor 2006 Honor Band representatives were on hand to collect a check for their efforts at the Can Kennel in November. Treynor High School students Brandon Green, Jason Strohbehn, and Jennifer Coffman accepted the check for \$937 which was a record monthly amount for the Can Kennel. They explained they put in an extra effort and cleaned up the stands after football games. They were part of a group of 200 from southwest Iowa that participated in the 30th Fiesta Bowl parade.

Pres. GUTTAU noted the annual Spaghetti Dinner is this Friday, February 2. Preparations and setup are planned at 10 a.m. at Zion Church. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Several volunteers are needed for preparation, setup, and serving. Let JEFF JORGENSEN know how you can help. Let RICHARD VORTHMANN know if you can contribute a pie for desert.

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the Octagon Club was sponsoring a TWA paper airplane contest during half time of the boys basketball game with A-H-S-T this Friday. This is a benefit for the Caitlin Query family. He asked for a few volunteers to assist the Octagon Club.

LARRY KRAMER presented an update on plans for the upcoming North-South Basketball Challenge. This community sponsored activity is to raise funds for the Treynor Welcome Sign project. Our Club has joined with the Junior Treynor Women, the high school Cheer Leaders, Chapter OZ of P.E.O., Clover Kids 4-H, and Silver Creek 4-H in sponsoring the event at Treynor High School from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday the 10th. A number of fun filled activities are planned for all ages. Mainly, there will be several short 10-min. basketball games planned where teams composed of members living north of highway 92 will play against teams of similar age groups from the south side. Youth of second grade and up are encouraged to participate. Contact Russ Maguire (487-3000) to register a team. There is no cost to participate in the games. Between games are opportunities to show basket shooting and ball handling skills. Adult and youth cheer leading and pep band performances are encouraged in addition to ball playing. GARY FUNKHOUSER (487-3343) is willing lead a "Has Been" pep band, so contact him if you still have your musical instrument. There's rumor of a retro-six-on-six girls game planned. KRAMER circulated a task volunteer sign up sheet. Help is needed to conduct a 50/50 raffle, run the game clock, man the entrance gate table, monitor the school halls, and assist with cleanup.

Pres. GUTTAU announced there would be a committee meeting after the Club meeting to discuss options for Treynor Days for 2007.

Thanks to BOB HIBBARD, LES HARVEY, JOHN SCHMITT, JOHN KLEIN, BILL MATTHEW, and LARRY KRAMER for helping JEFF JORGENSEN at the Cub Scout Pack Pinewood Derby. The new derby track with computer controlled scheduling, timing, and scoring was a great success in running the nearly seventy derby cars (and trucks).

Pres. GUTTAU announced the next Board meeting would be on the 10th as he could not be at the next Club meeting.

Remember to come early (7 a.m.) for the next Club meeting if you want to take in the breakfast provided by the Silver-Keg 4-H club.

STARTING UP NEW BUSINESSES

Brad Tiarks grew up in the Treynor neighborhood and graduated from ISU in Landscape Architecture. Tiarks said that he found work with the Earl May company and worked for them ten years. But, he was transferred to nine different stores during this period. On the tenth transfer request he balked at another move since he was married and starting to raise a family. So, Tiarks changed direction and with the support of his family and he started his own business in 2002, Bradley's Floral and Gifts, now located on Valley View Drive in eastern Council Bluffs. Tiarks explained how this business has led to two additional complementary businesses--Bradley Design Exteriors for landscaping services and Precision Grounds Maintenance for mowing and snow removal services. Tiarks noted that he hasn't found the necessity to advertise much as he gets most work from referrals. Tiarks noted that starting up a business was a profound learning experience beyond university studies.

CALENDAR

January Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom.

Jan. 31 Can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel, 6 p.m.

February Can Kennel contributions for Octagon Club.

- Feb. 2 Spaghetti Dinner, Zion Church, 5 – 7 p.m.
- Feb. 2 Octagon Club TWA activity, High School Basketball floor.
- Feb. 3 Club meeting, program by Kelly Sears, breakfast served by Silver-Keg 4-H.
- Feb. 4 Community Benefit for Caitlin Query family, Treynor Community Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Club meeting, program by Judy Huff, The Hope Center for Kids. Board meeting after the Club meeting.
- Feb. 10 North-South Basketball Challenge, high school, 4-8 p.m.
- Feb. 17 Club meeting, program by Kevin Elwood and Joel Bohlken..
- Feb. 24 Club meeting, program by Tim Larsen.

Birthdays

2/1 DICK BABER, 2/5 LARRY KRAMER, 2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN, 2/13 GARY FUNKHOUSER

Anniversaries

2/6 JON JACOBSEN, 2/23 RICHARD VORTHMANN # recognized to date

P.S. "Working hard, Stan?" "Nah, I'm just fooling the boss," replied the laborer with a wink. "He thinks I'm working, but I'm just carrying the same bag of cement up and down the scaffold all day."

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