



# 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 at 7:20 a.m. Saturday morning March 3, 2007 at the Community Center. DICK BABER has arranged for Jeff Ballenger of Council Bluffs to speak about adopting a child in Russia. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

### REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 2/24 there were 19 members present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting with the pledge. DICK BABER offered the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN KLEIN. The attendance pot was awarded to GERALD FORRISTALL, but it could not be collected.

A dollar for the Youth Fund was collected from RICHARD VORTHMANN as his 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary was recognized. KEN GRAHAM, KEITH DENTON, JIM CLAUSEN, LARRY KRAMER, DALE WILLENBORG, VIRGIL HOLST, GARY FUNKHOUSER, and JOHN SCHMITT each added a dollar to recognize the great effort of the Treynor High girl's basketball team.

Pres. GUTTAU referred to a summary of the North-South Basketball Challenge and noted that receipts of the fund raising event for the highway welcome sign project were just \$69 short of the five thousand dollar goal. He challenged members to fulfill the goal and 'passed the hat' around the room. Club members generously contributed \$84.10, which exceeded Pres. GUTTAU'S call and resulted in an event total exceeding the goal and thus qualifying for a \$5000 matching amount from TS Bank.

Thanks to GARY FUNKHOUSER, STEVE IRVIN, RICHARD VORTHMANN, and LARRY KRAMER for assisting the high school Octagon Club with sorting of cans and bottles. Their last sorting this month is Wednesday at 6 p.m. Pres. GUTTAU announced the Dance Team is scheduled to use the Can Kennel in March and LES HARVEY is the coordinator. DICK BABER noted the Lamoni Optimist Club was operating a can and bottle collection center. BABER also noted their club raised several hundred dollars selling Valentine cookies, and they are conducting the Optimist International Essay contest.

GARY FUNKHOUSER reported results from the essay contest held at Treynor High. From fourteen entries, the top three were selected by a team of judges. The first place essay was written by junior Ben Hardy. The second place essay was written by senior Nicole Schmidt, and the third place essay was written by junior Megan Godfrey. Participants submitted a four to five hundred word essay on the topic "I want to make a difference because....." The first place essay is entered in the district competition

for a \$650 scholarship. The winning district essay is submitted to Optimist International where it is judged among all other district winners. The overall winner is awarded a \$6000 scholarship. FUNKHOUSER noted that plans are underway for conducting an Optimist International Oratorical contest again this year.

JEFF JORGENSEN announced that Cub Scout Pack 729 was holding their annual Blue and Gold Banquet on March 18 at the Community Center. As our Club sponsors the Cub Pack all members are invited to attend. JORGENSEN indicated he would circulate a reservation sign up at the next Club meeting. At this event advancements of Cub Scout rank are announced and leadership is recognized. LARRY KRAMER volunteered to be the emcee for the evening. After the advancement program there will be a dinner, and a raffle will be conducted to defray expenses. JORGENSEN noted that Pack 729 is the largest in the scout district at over seventy members and the Pack program will be recognized at a district meeting in early March. JORGENSEN said he was still working to find a new Cub Master to take over for Jill Orr who is assuming a district position.

LARRY KRAMER reported on the Zone meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at Griswold. He and BOB HIBBARD met with members from the Underwood and Griswold Optimist Clubs. Lt. Governor Kristi Kennedy reviewed Iowa District activities and upcoming events. She requested that our club host the Zone Oratorical contest and the next Zone meeting. Optimist International has a 'sweetheart' deal for spouse membership from now until February 2008. New spousal memberships during this year long period are half price.

Pres. GUTTAU announced that a Board meeting would be held after the next Club meeting.

### CALENDAR

#### February Can Kennel contributions for Octagon Club.

Feb. 28 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

#### March Can Kennel contributions for Dance Team.

Mar. 3 Club meeting, program by Jeff Ballenger  
Board meeting after the Club meeting.

Mar. 8 Scout District Award Dinner.

Mar. 10 Club meeting, program TBA.

Mar. 14 Can and bottle sorting.

#### Birthdays

3/2 JERYL UNDERWOOD, 3/2 WARD CHAMBERS

3/8 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 3/11 KEN GRAHAM

3/20 JON JACOBSEN

#### Anniversaries

3/4 GENE SERAN, 3/8 KEITH DENTON

3/15 DICK BABER, 3/15 JEFF NELSON

# recognized to date

P.S. The homeowner was delighted with the way the painter had decorated his house. "You did a fine job," he said, "and I'm going to give you a little something extra. Here's \$30. Take the Mrs. to a show."

That night the door bell rang and the painter stood at the door, all dressed up.

"What is it," the man asked, "did you forget some tools?"

"No," replied the painter. "I just came to take the missus to a show."

