



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 April 7, 2007 in the Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has arranged for Mike Gronstal, the Iowa Senate Majority Leader, to speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the Club meeting on 3/24 there were 15 members present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting with the pledge. BILL VORTHMANN led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to KEITH DENTON. The attendance pot was awarded to JOHN SCHMITT, but it could not be collected.

Pres. GUTTAU contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund in recognition of his niece's induction into the National Honor Society for high school students. RICHARD VORTHMANN also added a dollar to tell about his grandson winning the right to participate in the state Invention Convention competition in Ames. LARRY KRAMER owned up to a proof reading error in the previous newsletter by contributing a dollar.

Secretary TERESA FAHRENKRUG announced the next Zone meeting would be held at Zion Church on April 16.

After a short Club meeting members adjourned to attend a public meeting with presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas.

Vice President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting on 3/31 with the pledge and RICHARD VORTHMANN gave the devotional prayer. The 50/50 was awarded to JUDY GUTTAU.

STEVE IRVIN asked for club volunteers to work on the Scholarship committee. The committee must have scholarship recipients selected by May 7.

JEFF JORGENSEN recognized LARRY KRAMER for his work as Master of Ceremonies at the recent Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet. He also reminded members of the Endowment Fund that was established to provide a memorial to club members. He is recording all contributions received in George Schneider's name.

JOHN KLEIN announced that two grant applications had been sent to Promised Partners. One is for fireworks for Treynor Days and the other is for bus transportation for student swim lessons at Lewis Central this summer. The swim lessons would be four days a week for two weeks in July.

KLEIN also reported that arrangements for the annual Baby Sitting clinic were complete. Also, the 5th grade is planning to plant five trees for Arbor Day this year on either April 13 or 20.

Thanks to KEVIN UNDERWOOD, RICHARD VORTHMANN, LARRY KRAMER, JOHN KLEIN, GARY GUTTAU, and LES HARVEY for helping the Dance Team conclude their month at the Can Kennel.

SANTA'S VILLAGE PROGRAMS EXPAND

Orien Hodges, president of Santa's Children Christmas Village, Macedonia, Iowa described the

mission and recent activities at Santa's Village. Hodges stated that Santa's Village has no paid workers. In the past two years they have had over 160 volunteers help with activities, decorating, and renovations. In the past year Santa's Christmas Village hosted a Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Christmas party, a Lydia House visit, a Micah House visit, and participated in the MDA summer camp. Santa has also visited Children's Hospital, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Leid Transplant Center, and other hospitals. Santa has visited about 1500 children in the past year. According to Hodges the goals for Santa's Village the remainder of this year include decorating 100 trees by Christmas, increasing volunteers, and teaming with many more fire departments. Santa's Village has over 60 Christmas trees throughout the building. This year they will be emphasizing Christmas Around the World by decorating additional trees in decorations typical to different countries.

Hodges stated that the third weekend of every month is a volunteer weekend at Santa's Village. Volunteers are welcome any day, but a new goal is to emphasize the joy of volunteering every month. Youth groups including the Riverside Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), the Griswold FCCLA, the Riverside dance team, and several Boy Scout groups have volunteered a large amount of time the past year. Santa's Village received an unexpected shipment of 57,600 books from Scholastic books with a retail value of about \$400,000. 1400 books are being sent to Children's Hospital in Omaha. Hodges explained Santa's Village is teaming with fire departments to distribute these books, clothing, and toys to children in need in communities in Iowa and Nebraska. When fire departments sign up with Santa's Village, every \$100 contributed comes back to the community as \$1000 worth of new clothing, books, and toys. Santa's Village provides certificates for the fire departments to distribute to children and families in need. Those certificates can be redeemed at Santa's Village, or Santa's Village will deliver the needed items to the fire department to give to the family if necessary.

CALENDAR

April Can Kennel contributions for Music Boosters.

- Apr. 7 Club meeting, program by Mike Gronstal. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Apr. 11 Can and bottle sorting.
- Apr. 14 Optimist International President's Visit and Awards Banquet, Des Moines.
- Apr. 16 Zone 3 Meeting, Zion Church, 6:30 p.m.

May Can Kennel contributions for Optimist Scholarships

- Birthdays**
- 4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS, 4/25 ROCKY SAAR
- 4/28 GENE SERAN
- Anniversaries**
- 4/4 CATHY & JOHN SCHMITT, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN
- 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG
- # recognized to date

P.S. Light travels faster than sound. That explains why some people appear bright until they speak.

