



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 21, 2007 in the Community Center. JOHN KLEIN has arranged for Jerry Mathiasen, Assoc. Ex. Director of Iowa West Foundation to speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the Club meeting on 4/14 there were 21 members and four guests present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting with the pledge and led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to LARRY KRAMER. The attendance pot was awarded to DICK BABER.

Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from JOHN SCHMITT in recognition of his 43rd wedding anniversary with KATHY. JOHN KLEIN added a dollar to tell about the selection of his son as one of fifteen for graduate studies in landscape architecture at Cornell University. LES HARVEY'S photo was on the front page of the newspaper, so he was obligated to pay a dollar. JEFF JORGENSEN was so proud of a recent happening that he paid a couple dollars. He has developed a product to help students take notes in technical courses that has been selected for a marketing trial.

Thanks to DENNIS WHITE, RICHARD VORTHMANN, STEVE IRVIN, and LARRY KRAMER for handing out dictionaries to sixty students of the 3rd grade at Treynor Elementary. Thank you notes signed by the students were received from the teachers of the three classes, KELLY SUTHERLAND, Suzzanne Haltermann, and Kyle Rogers. Thanks to GARY and Julie FUNKHOUSER for preparing labels and to the Octagon Club for writing student names on the label of each dictionary.

The annual Arbor Day activities with the 5th grade are planned on Friday the 20th, 1:30 p.m., on the lawn north of TS-Bank. JOHN KLEIN asked for help preparing planting holes for five trees Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Pres. GUTTAU announced the Zone meeting at Zion Church on Monday.

Thanks to Pres. GUTTAU, LES HARVEY, KEVIN UNDERWOOD, RICHARD VORTHMANN, and LARRY KRAMER for helping the Music Boosters at the recent can and bottle sorting. Club members take note that the collection of cans and bottles in May is for our Optimist senior scholarships.

JOHN KLEIN announced there was not enough interest from parents to follow through with a grant application to provide a bus for kids to attend swimming classes at Lewis Central.

P.S. The village band finished a vigorous and not over harmonious selection. As the perspiring musicians sank to their seats after acknowledging the applause, the trombonist asked, "What's the next number?"

The leader replied, "The Washington Post March."

"Oh, no," gasped the trombonist. "I just got through playing that!"

LES HARVEY noted there were track meets at Treynor on the 16th and 17th. Volunteers are needed to help with gate receipts.

YOU NEED AN EAR FOR JAZZ

Jeff Schoening has been directing students in the skills of playing music instruments at Treynor schools for 19-yr., and he has a very long record of accomplishment at state competitions. Schoening explained that he didn't start out to be a band instructor. He wanted to play football, but lacked the physical size for it to be fun. So he joined the band to be able to get on the football field. Schoening said he started in the 7th grade playing drums and once considered a professional band career. Family responsibilities led Schoening to a successful career in teaching. Schoening stated that the success of the Treynor Jazz Band has often prompted questions of him about how he does it year after year. Schoening said band is about communication and working together-a mirror of a life lesson for success. Each year is a different mix of students and challenges to find the music material to fit the skills of the students. This, according to Schoening, is the biggest challenge. A jazz band is made up of rhythm and horn sections. It is essential that these sections to work together and complement each other. Each section has a leader that sets the tempo. However, Schoening explained, the jazz music language is truly unwritten and depends on listening to the sounds. He has to teach students to move beyond reading and playing notes to articulating the rhythm of the music and to listen to and support the lead players. This is essential for an award winning band.

CALENDAR

April Can Kennel contributions for Music Boosters.

- Apr. 17 Track meet gate activity, 5 p.m.
- Apr. 19 Preparation for Arbor Day, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 20 Arbor Day tree planting with 5th grade, 1:30 p.m.
- Apr. 21 Club meeting, program by Jerry Mathiasen.
- Apr. 25 Can and bottle sorting, 4 p.m.
- Apr. 28 Club meeting, programs by Jared Greiner and Dennis Butler.

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