



# 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 May 5, 2007 in the Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has arranged for Gentry Collins an official of the Mitt Romney Presidential Campaign to speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

### REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 4/28 there were 20 members and three guests present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting with the pledge and ARLYN NORRIS led the devotion.

The 50/50 was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU. The attendance pot was awarded to WES NELSON, but it was not received.

Janet Greiner was recognized as a guest in addition to our program speakers.

Past President GARY FUNKHOUSER was presented with a certificate and watch from Optimist International for efforts last year in forming a new club in Lamoni, IA.

Pres. GUTTAU distributed information from the Iowa Resource for International Service. They are seeking host families for the Youth Exchange and Study Program where students from Tanzania and Nigeria are selected for their junior high school year in Iowa.

JOHN KLEIN added a dollar to the Youth Fund to distribute a flyer and announce the Pott. Co. Master Gardner's Plant Sale on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the ISD campus from 8 to 11 a.m.

Thanks to KEVIN UNDERWOOD, LARRY KRAMER, and GARY FUNKHOUSER for assisting the Music Boosters at the Can Kennel last week. Collections this month are for Optimist senior scholarships. The next sorting is the 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. JOHN KLEIN received approval from Club members to submit a grant application to enhance and promote Can Kennel operations.

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the 2007 Youth Appreciation Celebration is scheduled at Zion Church on Sunday afternoon the 6<sup>th</sup>. A sign up list was circulated for cookies and brownies for the reception after the program. Volunteers are needed to help with ushering and serving.

Thanks to DALE WILLENBORG, JOHN KLEIN, LES HARVEY, LARRY KRAMER, and Pres. GUTTAU for working to move a recently planted pine tree to another location away from buried utility lines.

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the Club Oratorical Contest was held Friday. Nine seventh graders participated, five girls and four boys. The three top places were awarded to each group. As first place winners Nick Carolus and Tia McCullough will present their speeches at a regional contest in Council Bluffs. Second place was awarded to Alec Schoening and Tiffany Hecker, and third was awarded to Joel Hardy and Justine Hiebner. Thanks to FUNKHOUSER for setting up the contest and to LARRY KRAMER for helping with timing.

JOHN KLEIN announced the 2007 Baby Sitting/Child Care classes were winding up and twenty-one 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade youth will receive certification of completion.

### GETTING AN INSIDE TOUR OF WASHINGTON

Treynor high senior Jared Greiner spoke to Club members about his recent trip to the Capital as a member of the 2007 Senate Youth Leadership group. Greiner explained that one youth for each member of the senate is selected to visit Washington to meet legislators, especially senators, and government department leaders. He was able to tour areas not accessible to the general public, and their group was addressed by President Bush. The visit was sponsored by the William Randolph Hurst Foundation and also provides a \$5000 scholarship. Greiner said he was chosen from among other applicants by the Iowa Dept. of Education. He thanked Treynor High School Guidance Counselor STEVE IRVIN for steering him to this opportunity. Greiner said it was a very awesome trip and inspired him to consider student leadership activities in college. He plans to attend the University of Southern California and major in interactive entertainment and creative writing.

### YOUR TRASH COULD HAVE ANOTHER PURPOSE

Dennis Butler, Education Coordinator of the Council Bluffs Recycling Center, described the many ways materials are collected and sorted so they may be reused for manufacture of other goods. Markets for recyclable glass, plastic, paper, rubber, and metals have varied and their use for remanufactured products is evolving. There are environmental incentives to discover more ways to reuse products. Butler noted the Recycling Center has been in business for about ten years and last year it processed about 2.4 million tons of paper. It is a regional center and receives a wide spectrum of materials including hazardous household and lawn and garden products. Butler encouraged all to reduce, reuse, and recycle to minimize the bulk of materials ending up in land fills. The Recycle Center takes tree limbs and grinds them into wood fiber mulch. They have donated many tons of mulch for our Arbor Day tree planting projects which now totals nearly 70 trees.

### CALENDAR

#### May Can Kennel contributions for Optimist Scholarships

- May 5 Club meeting, program by Gentry Collins. Board meeting after the Club meeting.
- May 6 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church, 3 p.m.
- May 12 Club meeting, program by Matt Wilber.
- May 16 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

#### Birthdays

- 5/11 KEITH DENTON, 5/20 KELLY SUTHERLAND
- 5/21 STEVE IRVIN, 5/21 CARL GARAFFA
- 5/22 LINNEA WHITE

#### Anniversaries

- 5/25 BOB ABBOTT, 5/29 BILL MATTHEW
- # recognized to date

P.S. Betty looked a little uncomfortable leaving the doctor's office. Her friend Maggie asked her what was wrong. "The doctor says I will have to take this medication for the rest of my life." Betty replied, "But, it's only a two-week supply!"

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