



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 January 12, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. JUDY GUTTAU has arranged for Linda Eitmann, Director of St Paul's Lutheran Preschool, to talk about growth challenges. Club members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

The Optimist club met January 5 with 22 members and two guests present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS offered the devotional prayer.

Bob Soloth was recognized as a guest in addition to our program speaker.

The 50/50 was awarded to STEVE IRVIN. The attendance pot was awarded to TERESA FAHRENKRUG, but it was not collected.

DENNIS WHITE has a birthday coming up so he contributed to the Youth Fund. KIRK VORTHMANN announced a new grand daughter with his contribution. Pres. WILLENBORG added a contribution to tell about visiting his grand kids in Idaho Falls, ID last week end, and RICHARD VORTHMANN also added a contribution to tell about the wedding of his grand son in Denver, CO last weekend.

Treasurer JEFF JORGENSEN announced a contribution of \$355 will be given to the Treynor Food Bank. Thanks to members for their cash contributions. JORGENSEN called for all members to bring White Elephant gifts to the next club meeting for auction.

Pres. Willenborg noted the next can and bottle sorting would be Wednesday the 9th at 6 p.m.

LARRY KRAMER distributed club information brochures for members to use to invite interested persons to our Club meeting on the 26th.

JUDY GUTTAU noted the annual spaghetti dinner is planned for February 1 at Zion Church. Mark you calendar, invite your neighbors, and plan to help with the activity.

Pres. WILLENBORG noted the Treynor Welcome Sign Committee was asking for help to sponsor another North-South Basketball Challenge to raise the remainder of funds for the sign project. There is a planning meeting Thursday the 10th, 7:30 p.m., at City Hall.

JORGENSEN auctioned a large bag of popcorn grain provided by MICK GUTTAU to the highest bidder.

Ten Board members and an additional club member met after the regular club meeting to discuss club business. Treasurer JORGENSEN reported club assets of about \$6000, accounts payable of \$1375, and an endowment balance of about \$3200. A motion was approved to contribute \$300 to the Cub Scout Pack for annual charter expenses. A motion was approved to sponsor a Treynor Swim Day at the Lewis Central Pool, perhaps on Super Bowl day.

Additional future fund raising activities were discussed. Suggestions for improving youth participation in the Bike Safety activity were discussed.

LOCAL ETHANOL PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Mark Drake is General Manager of the Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy (SIRE) ethanol plant being constructed south of the MidAmerica power plant near Council Bluffs. Drake addressed club members about the unique features of the SIRE plant that is expected to begin production of ethanol in September this year. Drake explained this plant uses the dry milling process to extract the starch from corn grain. While this is not as efficient as the wet milling process, dry milling is a lower cost milling process. According to Drake, the SIRE plant location has the multiple advantages of locally grown corn, plenty of water from the Missouri river valley, excess steam from the MidAmerican plant, rail and interstate transportation access, nearby petroleum tank farm, community backing through tax abatement, local majority investors, and land to expand production. The plant is designed to annually produce 110 million gal. of ethanol from 39 million bu. of corn (Pott. County produces about 35 million bu.). Drake stated that the value of ethanol is currently determined by the price of gasoline, not the cost of production. While 65% of the production cost stems from the corn grain cost, Drake explained the efficiencies of the plant design and low input energy costs will allow it to be profitable above \$4/bu corn. The SIRE plant will require about 50 employees when in production, Drake noted. There are six employees at present and Drake is looking for an experienced plant manager.

CALENDAR

January Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom Committee

- Jan. 9 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 12 Club meeting, program by Linda Eitmann, Director of St Paul's Lutheran Preschool. White Elephant Gifts Auction.
- Jan. 19 Club meeting, program by Dr. Dan Kinney, Pres. Iowa Western Community College.
- Jan. 26 NOW Club meeting. Pine Wood Derby, Elementary School.
- Jan. 30 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

February Can Kennel contributions for Junior Optimist Octagon Club.

- Feb. 1 Spaghetti Dinner, Zion, 5 – 7 p.m.
- Feb. 2 Club meeting, program by IA Agriculture Dept. Sec. Bill Northey.

Birthdays

1/19 DENNIS WHITE#, 1/19 JOHN SCHMITT

Anniversaries

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P.S. The man had been fishing all day without luck. On his way home he stopped into the fish market and said to the clerk, "Please stand there and throw me a few of you biggest trout" The clerk was puzzled. "Throw them to you over there? What-ever for?" The man replied, "I may be a poor fisherman, but I'm no liar. I want to honestly say I caught them."

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