



# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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### NEXT CLUB MEETING

**F** The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned January 19, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. JUDY GUTTAU has arranged for Iowa Western Community College President Dr. Dan Kinney to speak about new developments at the college. Club members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

### REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

**R** The Optimist club met January 12 with 19 members and five guests present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. GARY GUTTAU offered the devotional prayer.

**I** The 50/50 was awarded to LARRY KRAMER. The attendance pot was awarded to BOB HIBBARD.

**E** A contribution to the Youth Fund was received from MICK GUTTAU for being selected along with JUDY by Allegiant Health for a southwest Iowa Heritage Award. LES HARVEY added a dollar to announce the display at TS Bank of historic military service items from Treynor residents.

**N** Thanks to JEFF JORGENSEN, JOHN KLEIN, GARY FUNKHOUSER, and GARY and CHAD GUTTAU for assisting with can and bottle sorting last week.

**D** Treynor varsity cheer leaders Naomi Moore and Kristyn Vorthmann were present to accept a check from Treasurer JORGENSEN for \$721.20 for their efforts at the Optimist Can and Bottle Sorting last October.

**O** Jnelle Keysor was introduced as a guest and was presented with a check for \$355 for the Treynor Food Pantry. Keysor, who supervises the Food Pantry operation from Zion Church, explained the services that are provided to local families and seniors. Keysor said the Food Pantry is supplied through area church contributions, the Boy Scout food drive, and individual gifts. According to Keysor items usually needed to stock the pantry include peanut butter, cereal, biscuit and pancake mix, and hamburger helper.

**F** MILLI HARVEY circulated a sign up sheet for pies needed for the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on February 1 at Zion Church.

**Y** KRAMER reminded members to invite friends and neighbors with an optimistic attitude to come to our club meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> to learn about our programs and services.

**O** LES HARVEY noted that DOREEN MAYBERRY was at Oakland Manor while broken bones mend. She was injured from a fall on ice last month.

**U** JORGENSEN auctioned several white elephant gifts contributed by members. It seems that the gifts are now more appreciated.

### PLAY IS THE WORK OF A CHILD

**T** Linda Eitmann, Director of St Paul's Lutheran Church PreSchool, and Jane Duysen, Administrative Assistant, visited with club members about the great success of the church mission in preschool child development and education. The preschool was created three years ago in a house for ministerial staff on St Paul's property. Enrollment has grown from 17 to 44, the current capacity of the facility. Play is the

work of a child, Eitmann noted. Preschool children develop rapidly and teaching involves a lot of organized social interaction and motor skill development through play exercises for the 3-4 year old children plus kindergarten preparation for the 4-5 year old children. There are three teachers plus two substitute teachers and an administrative assistant on the school staff. Eitmann stated they need another class room to accommodate enrollment requests. The preschool has earned a Rating 3 of the Iowa Quality Rating scale, and an outdoor class room area is planned to enhance the teaching program. School funding is mostly from tuition paid by parents (81%). Specific fund raising activities, grants, and memorials provide the remaining funding, Eitmann explained. Preschoolers do a service project each month. They have planted flowers in front of the post office and they have helped stock food products at the Treynor Food Pantry for examples. Eitmann explained she strives to help the children develop a love for learning by providing a nurturing environment with many learning opportunities. She is often asked about daily childcare services including before and after school and there seems to be a strong need for this by young parents. The preschool governing board elected from church members will have to address any extension of the church mission to this service. Eitmann noted the preschoolers have a lot of energy and it rubs off on the teachers. Eitmann displayed a banner prepared from handprints of children in the preschool.



### CALENDAR

#### January Can and Bottle Sorting Contributions for After-the-Prom Committee

- 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 and Bottle Sorting 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

none  
# recognized to date

P.S. Junior: I'm not going back to school anymore. Mother: Why not?

Junior: On Monday the teacher said four and four make eight. On Tuesday she said six and two make eight. Today, she said that five and three make eight. I'm not going back until she makes up her mind.

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