



# 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 March 15, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. DICK BABER has arranged for a demonstration of radio controlled aircraft by Lynn Sehr, Larry Puls, and Howard Hough, members of the Cobra R.C. Club of Council Bluffs. Club members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited

### REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

**R** The Optimist club met March 8 with 19 members and two guests present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. MICK GUTTAU offering the devotional prayer.

**I** The 50/50 was awarded to BOB HIBBARD. The attendance pot was awarded to LES HARVEY, but it was not collected.

**E** KEITH DENTON contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of his 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**N** JOHN KLEIN announced plans for the 2008 Babysitting Clinic for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders during April. In cooperation with the Junior Treynor Women and I.S.U. Extension instructor Mary Kouris the program to train baby sitters will be held each Monday in April after school at Treynor Elementary. Klein noted the instruction is free to all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**D** Treasurer JEFF JORGENSEN announced the After-the-Prom committee will receive \$1371.10 from Can Kennel use in December and January. With this amount the Can Kennel has exceeded \$60,000 in funding of Treynor youth groups since the startup in 1999. LES HARVEY has placed a display in the TS Bank windows describing the Can Kennel history. LARRY KRAMER announced the next can and bottle sorting will be with the Honor Choir group at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**O** Six Board members met after the club meeting to discuss upcoming club activities and funding. Treas. JORGENSEN reported cash assets of \$3455 and an endowment balance of \$3246. He also reported net funds of \$904 from the Spaghetti Dinner. Funds were approved for recognition awards for the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet. Motion was approved to contribute \$100 to the Treynor High band program. Motion was approved for prizes for Optimist Essay winners. KLEIN reported he was planning an Arbor Day tree planting activity in April. A motion was approved to proceed with development of an Avenue of Flags project with plans presented to the membership on March 22. A club photo is planned to signify the \$60,000 achievement of the Can Kennel which will have a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May.

### MONITORING COMPLIANCE AND BEHAVIOR

**U** Jeff Druski is Marketing Director of an Omaha company called iSECUREtrac. They have developed

technology to effectively and efficiently monitor the location and actions of an individual. Druski explained they use a combination of GPS tracking devices and computer software, cellular phone service, and Internet communications to monitor a device being worn by an individual. This can be done actively in real time or passively with periodic reporting. The system is useful for monitoring a person for being in compliance with judicial actions and for modifying the behavior of a person. Druski noted that the department of corrections of various states and county sheriff and city police departments are primary users of the technology. At a cost of about \$8/day the use of monitoring devices is much cheaper than jail incarceration for low risk offenders. Durski explained that there are many applications of personal monitoring in the judicial process. It could be used for the accused as an alternative to jail before trial, and it could be used as a supplement to incarceration for early release, work release, and furloughs. Furthermore it is useful during probation and for parole monitoring. Durski stated that for low risk offenders the use of personal monitors reduces the jail population and can have a positive effect on their behavior. Personal monitoring is presently most used in probation and parole situations, Durski noted, but is being studied to reduce truancy of high school students, where it seems to be effective in behavior modification. Other areas of application are in reducing domestic violence, and non-payment of child support. Durski noted the technology doesn't keep a crime from happening, but it can immediately identify an action against the law for those being monitored and can report it to officials. Use of the technology can result in a dramatic reduction of violations of court orders, parole terms, etc.

### CALENDAR

#### March Can Kennel contributions for Honor Choir

- 3/12 Can and bottle sorting, 5:45 p.m.
- 3/15 Club meeting, program by Cobra R.C. Club.
- 3/17 Zone meeting, Griswold Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- 3/22 Club meeting, program TBA.
- 3/26 Can and bottle sorting, 5:45 p.m.
- 3/29 Club meeting, program TBA.
- 3/30 Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet.

#### April Can Kennel contributions for Music Boosters

#### Birthdays

- 3/2 Ward Chambers, 3/11 Kenneth Graham
- 3/20 Jon Jacobsen

#### Anniversaries

- 3/4 Gene Seran, 3/8 Keith Denton#
- 3/15 Dick Baber, 3/15 Jeff Nelson
- # recognized to date

**T** P.S. The motorist was in a hurry when he heard the siren behind him and pulled over. The officer, noting the motorist speed, wrote out a ticket and handed it to him. The angry motorist said, "And just what am I supposed to do with this speeding ticket?"

The officer said, "Keep it. When you get three, you win a bicycle."

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