



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 29, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. DICK BABER is arranging for a program speaker. Club members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

I The Optimist club met March 22 with 19 members and 15 guests present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. LARRY KRAMER offered the devotional prayer.

E The 50/50 was awarded to guest Alan Tiarks. The attendance pot was awarded to GENE SERAN, but it was not collected.

N Special thanks to Georgia and KEITH DENTON for serving breakfast fare for members and guests.

D JERRY HEMPEL contributed to the Youth Fund for photos of his son and daughter in the news. MICK GUTTAU also contributed for his photo in the news.

O DICK BABER invited club members to a celebration of his 50th wedding anniversary at Community of Christ Church, Council Bluffs, on Sunday the 30th from 12 to 3 p.m.

F GARY FUNKHOUSER noted the Optimist Oratorical Contest was completed last week and 7th graders Ryan Hempel and Bailey Riley were selected to compete at the next level.

F LARRY KRAMER announced the next can and bottle sorting will be at 3:45 p.m. this Wednesday with the Honor Choir group. The time had been stated as 5:45.

Y JOHN KLEIN announced details of the 2008 Baby Sitting Clinic for 5th and 6th graders and older. Instruction on child care safety and emergency management will be presented at the Elementary Media Center each Monday in April after school.

O JEFF JORGENSEN reminded members of the upcoming Cub Scout Pack Blue and Gold Banquet on Sunday the 30th.

U Pres. Willenborg presented details regarding a flag project being considered to raise funds.

U KRAMER reported that he and BOB HIBBARD attended the Zone 3 meeting at Griswold. KRAMER was selected by Lt. Governor Joe

Rush as the 'Optimist of the Quarter' from members of Zone clubs.

FIGHTING IDEOLOGY WITH A BETTER IDEA

Army Major Matt Konz spoke to Optimist members and guests about his experience and observations while engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom. A native of Minden, IA, Konz served as a Rifle Company Commander with the 101st Airborne Division in 2003. Konz noted we are now in the fifth year of engagement in Iraqi in our effort to combat the Global War on Terror (GWOT) of which Iraqi is the central focus today. The GWOT is a war of ideologies, Konz explained, and has been going on for about twenty years. It is analogous to the Cold War against the Soviet Union and other communistic nations of the past generation. However, it is a war using the Islam religion and the Koran as justification. There are no political borders of the GWOT, Konz noted. The religious extremists have a plan to take control of the world, and the US has a plan of containment and defeat, Konz explained. Our best tool against the GWOT is our ideology of individual freedom.

Upon return to his base in Ft. Campbell, KY, Konz was selected as an instructor at the Maneuver Captains Career Course at Ft. Benning, GA. Currently, he is attending the US Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, KS. Konz stated he was planning to seek more training in strategic planning before receiving a new Army assignment.

CALENDAR

March Can Kennel contributions for Honor Choir

- 3/26 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.
- 3/29 Club meeting, program TBA.
- 3/30 Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet, Treynor Community Center, 3 p.m.

April Can Kennel contributions for Music Boosters

- 4/5 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Board meeting after club meeting.
- 4/11 Arbor Day activity.
- 4/19 Optimist International President's Visit, Amanas Holiday Inn

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. A city dweller came to a farm and saw a beautiful horse. He decided he had to have the animal. He bargained with the farmer and the farmer finally sold him the horse. The city man jumped on the horse and said, "Giddyup!" The horse didn't budge. The farmer explained, "This is a special kind of horse. He'll only move if you say 'Praise the Lord.' To stop him, you have to say, 'Amen.'" Keeping this in mind the new owner yelled, "Praise the Lord!" whereupon the horse took off with great speed. Soon the horse and rider were headed for a cliff. Just in time the rider remembered to say "Amen!" The horse came to a screeching halt right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, the rider raised his eyes to heaven and exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!"

