



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 April 12, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. KIRK VORTHMANN has arranged for a program by Darrel and Roberta Morris owners of Breezy Hills Winery. Club members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

R The Optimist club met March 29 with 16 members and one guest present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge.

I The 50/50 was awarded to LARRY KRAMER. The attendance pot was awarded to GENE SERAN, but it was not collected.

E Pres. WILLENBORG contributed to the Youth Fund for his daughter being recognized as an ISU student in the top 2% for academic achievement. JOSH GUTTAU added a couple of dollars for his photo and that of his 3-yr old daughter in recent newspapers. GUTTAU was recently named President of TS Bank and his daughter was just having a good time.

N JOHN KLEIN reported that the Arbor Day project includes working with 5th graders to plant four trees at the Elementary School, two at Treynor East Park, and two on the commons area near TS Bank. Help is needed from club members to prepare holes on the 10th and to supervise planting on the 11th.

D STEVE IRVIN announced that he had senior scholarship applications to be reviewed and asked for committee volunteers to determine Optimist awardees.

O At the Optimist club meeting on April 5 there were 19 members and one guest present. President WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge and JUDY GUTTAU offered the devotion prayer.

F The 50/50 was again awarded to KRAMER. The attendance pot was awarded to GARY GUTTAU.

O Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from several members. Anniversary greeting were sung to JIM CLAUSEN for his contribution. JEFF JORGENSEN offered two recognitions- one, he passed an FCC examination for a short wave radio license, and two, for the effort of KRAMER as emcee at the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet. JORGENSEN noted our club received an award of recognition for our support of the Cub Scout Pack. JUDY GUTTAU added a dollar for her photo in recent papers. KLEIN added a dollar to announce the contribution of Pheasants Forever toward several Arbor Day Projects this year.

Y RICHARD VORTHMANN announced the sorting at the Can Kennel with the Music Boosters in April would be at 3:45 p.m. on the 9th and the 30th. Treasurer JORGENSEN announced the Octagon Club will receive \$416.15 for their efforts at the Can Kennel in February.

O KLEIN noted the preparation for Arbor Day tree planting will start with digging of holes at the Elementary School at 6:30 p.m. on the 10th, and continue at 1 p.m. the next day with tree planting with the 5th graders also starting at the Elementary School. At least seven more volunteers are needed to supervise the tree planting. Bring shovels and rakes.

U GARY GUTTAU announced the Bike Safety Day at the Elementary School is planned on April 24.

T GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the 2008 Youth Appreciation Celebration is planned on May 4 at Zion Church.

H Seven Board members met after the club meeting to discuss business items. Treasurer JORGENSEN reported club assets of \$2757 plus an endowment balance of \$3261.

Teresa Fahrenkrug and Doreen Mayberry were dropped from the member list. An application for use of the Can Kennel by the Treynor Volleyball Club was approved for February, 2009. The Octagon Club use of the Can Kennel was moved to March. Motion to offer up to \$1600 in scholarships was approved. Motion to present appreciation gifts to oratorical contest judges was approved. Motion was approved to present Shauna Renee Stewart \$100 towards her trip to the Down Under Games in Australia was approved. Details of the Street of Flags project were discussed. Materials will be ordered pending sales of subscriptions for flag display seven times per year.

FARMING IN A WORLD MARKET

Chad McColleston, President of Agri-Valley Farm Management, Silver City, IA, spoke to club members about the challenging work of interacting with about 40 land owners of nearly 10,000 acres and the operators of this land who produce grain. McColleston explained that the unsteady grain market and rising production costs has all parties anxious about the best production and marketing strategies. While the US government is still pursuing a 'cheap food' policy, McColleston noted, there is less effort to financially support the policy. He expects less government support in future government farm bills. The current farm bill seems headed for a two year extension because of lack of consensus regarding changes. McColleston explained there are three types of agreements between land owners and operators- cash rent, share rent, and custom farm. The best choice depends on so many variables that a detailed analysis is needed for each situation. McColleston said his job is analogous to a financial advisor to a client where the farm land is the asset. Often today, the client doesn't live on the land and may be a generation or two away from actual farming operations. Yet, farming is now more complicated with many world wide events effecting local choices.

CALENDAR

April Can Kennel contributions for Music Boosters

- 4/9 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.
- 4/10 Arbor Day preparation, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/11 Arbor Day tree planting, 1 p.m.
- 4/12 Club meeting, program by Breezy Hills Winery.
- 4/19 Optimist International President's Visit, Amanas Holiday Inn
- 4/24 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School.
- 4/30 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.

May Can Kennel contributions for Boy Scouts High Adventure trip.

- May 4 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church, 3 p.m.

Birthdays

- 4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS, 4/25 ROCKY SAAR
- 4/30 BILL MATTHEW

Anniversaries

- 4/4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT,
- 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN#
- # recognized to date

P.S. Time may be a great healer, but it is a lousy beautician.

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