

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned November 3, 2007, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. MICK GUTTAU is arranging for a speaker. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the club meeting on 10/27 there were 22 members and two guests present. Pres. DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotion prayer.

Iowa District Optimist Zone 3 Lt. Governor Joe Rush of Griswold was introduced.

The 50/50 was awarded to DICK BABER, and the attendance pot was awarded to DOREEN MAYBERRY.

Several contributions to the Youth Fund were received from members. DENNIS WHITE and KIRK VORTHMANN were recognized for their wedding anniversaries. GARY GUTTAU honored the Treynor girls volley ball team, and RICHARD VORTHMANN honored the Treynor football team. JOHN KLEIN described his trip to Cornell University to visit his son who is in graduate school there. LES HARVEY honored KLEIN'S son for continuing his higher education.

Pres. WILLENBORG announced the last can and bottle sorting for October would be Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. instead of Wednesday as previously planned.

Treasurer JEFF JORGENSEN announced that member dues are due as this is the beginning of a new Optimist year. JORGENSEN also announced the time for highway cleanup with the Cub Scouts has not been finalized.

LARRY KRAMER announced an informational meeting for prospective members was being planned in November.

Joe Rush presented to DICK BABER the 'Builder of Excellence' award from Optimist International for his efforts building the new Lamoni Club. LARRY KRAMER received the same recognition at the last Iowa District Convention for the helping BABER.

Joe Rush installed club officers for the current year. He also announced the next Zone 3 meeting of Optimist club representatives would be held at Griswold on November 12.

Pres. WILLENBORG announced a Board meeting would be held after the next club meeting.

SERVING THROUGH THE PEACE CORPS

Brian Young of Glenwood felt a need to help the less fortunate upon graduation from college. He thus joined the Peace Corps to see where he could serve. Young explained the Peace Corps was formed in 1961 with the stated purpose to promote world peace and friendship. The Peace Corps makes available to interested countries and areas men and women of the United States qualified for service abroad and willing to serve, under conditions of hardship if necessary, to help the peoples of such countries and areas in meeting their needs for trained manpower. It is an independent federal agency. According to Young nearly 190 thousand volunteers have served in the Peace Corps in 139 different countries. Currently there are about 8 thousand volunteers working on two year assignments in about 70 countries. Young noted that 95% of the volunteers are young adults less than age 50 and the current director has a goal of increasing the number of older volunteers by 10%.

Young explained he was assigned by mutual agreement to go to the Republic of Honduras in Central America to help a small village remotely located in the mountains to improve their living conditions. The village of 80 families was located in a national park area, and village families cultivated coffee trees for a cash crop on 2 to 3 acre family plots. Young noted his main mission was environmental education. The village was located three hours by truck and horseback from

the nearest city where they sold the coffee beans and purchased supplies. There was no electricity or phone service in the village. Young observed that a big problem for the village was nutrient depletion on the coffee tree plots. The government is discouraging the expansion of coffee production in the national park area so the village needs to learn better how to sustain production on their current coffee tree land. Young explained that considerable effort was made to determine projects that would benefit the village and improve their living conditions. Previous Peace Corps workers in the village began this process. Large projects such a hydro power plant for electricity can be sought through grant applications. Smaller projects often just need a local leader to organize and follow through.

October Can Kennel contributions for Cheer Leaders

Oct. 30 Can and bottle sorting. 3:45 p.m.

November Can Kennel contributions for Santa's Village

Nov. 3 Club meeting, program TBA.

Board meeting after club meeting.

Nov. 10 Club meeting, program TBA.

Nov. 12 Zone meeting at Griswold, 7 p.m.

Nov. 14 Can and bottle sorting.

December Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom Committee

Birthdays

11/8 MICK GUTTAU, 11/25 KATHY SCHMITT

Anniversaries

11/7 KIRK VORTHMANN#,

11/22 LES & MILLI HARVEY, 11/22 JOHN KLEIN,

11/25 WARD CHAMBERS, 11/27 ROCKY SAAR

recognized to date

P.S. Three men were sitting on a park bench. The man in the middle was reading the newspaper. The two men on either side were going through the motions as if they were really fishing. They carefully baited their hooks, cast out the line, and reeled them in when they had an imaginary bite. A policeman stopped when he saw their actions. Puzzled, he asked the man in the middle if he knew the two men on either side. The man folded his news paper and admitted they were his friends. "In that case," the policeman warned him, "you'd better get them out of here!" "Yes, officer!" the man replied, as he began to row furiously.