



**Club Officers for 2007-2008**

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**Next Club Meeting**

**F** The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned for Saturday, August 30, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. The speaker will be Mike Tripp to talk about the city water project. The public is invited to the meeting.

**Report of Recent Club Meeting**

**R** The Optimist club met August 23 with 16 members and one guest in attendance. President Dale Willenborg opened the meeting by leading the pledge and offering the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to Chad Gutttau, who also was awarded the attendance pot.

**E** Judy Gutttau contributed to the Youth Fund for her birthday today. Gary Funkhauser contributed for his 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**N** The first Treynor home football game is Friday, 29 August against Underwood. Optimist Club members will be helping with parking and tickets.

**D** The Optimist club members will put up flags for Labor Day after the meeting next Saturday and take them down Labor Day evening.

**Celebrating 100 Years**

The Boy Scouts of America is preparing for their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010. Jen Lydon, the Trailblazer District Executive, spoke to the Optimist Club about the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts, which serves Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. The key messages of the Boy Scouts of America this year are:

- For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership and service for millions of America's youth. We celebrate this legacy as we reaffirm our commitment to inspire and prepare future generations.
- Scouting has brought families and communities together for 100 years to prepare America's youth to live, work, and play with character and integrity.
- Scouting is as vital and relevant today as it was when our journey began.

**O** The Mid-America Council consists of 12 districts and six Scout camps within the Council. There are Scouting 830 units. The Treynor Cub Scout Pack is the largest Pack in the Trailblazer District, which consists of Pottawattamie, Mills, Fremont, and part of Cass counties. 41% of the boys in Treynor are in Scouting, compared to 16% nationally. The Mid-America Council was named to the National Boy

Scouts of America's "Chief Scout Executive's Winners' Circle", based upon membership growth.

The Boy Scout's programs re helpful to all boys. The Mid-America Council has been especially effective with inner city youth through providing good role models for young men and through a "can do" and supportive attitude.

When asked about the tornado at Little Sioux Scout Ranch on June 11, Jen showed several photos of the damage and new pictures of the path of the tornado, as seen in tree damage from aerial photos. Besides the four youth killed, about 40 youth were treated at area hospitals for injuries from the tornado and 14 spent at least one night in the hospital. Because of the precarious tree damage, the Camp just opened two weeks ago for the Council. Prior to that, investigations and professional tree removal kept the camp off-limits to everyone, except for designated personnel.

On September 13 the Council is planning a get-together at the Mid-America Center for all scouts that were at Little Sioux during the tornado. This will be the first time they have all been together since camp.

The Mid-America Council web site is [www.mac-bsa.org/](http://www.mac-bsa.org/). To help with tornado relief, send inquiries to [tornadorelief@mac-bsa.org](mailto:tornadorelief@mac-bsa.org). Contributions toward rebuilding Little Sioux Scout Ranch can be sent to the Scout office (please note on the check that your gift is intended for LSSR efforts) at:

Mid-America Council, Boy Scouts of America (MAC-BSA)  
 Attn: LSSR Relief  
 12401 W. Maple Road  
 Omaha, NE 68164

**CALENDAR**

**August Can Kennel contributions for the Silver Keg Feeders.** Total Proceeds through May - \$63,657

8/27 Can Kennel sorting at 6:30 p.m.

**Birthdays**

8/11 Chad Gutttau#, 8/23 Judy Gutttau#, 9/9 Arlyn Norris, 9/10 Milli Harvey, 9/16 John Klein, 9/19 Bob Hibbard, 9/30 Tim Greiner

**Anniversaries**

8/9 Tim Greiner, 8/13 Jerry Hempel, 8/25 Gary Funkhauser#, 9/26 Bill Vorthmann  
 #=recognized to date

**U** PS. A fire started on some grassland near a farm. The county fire department was called to put out the fire. The fire was more than the county fire department could handle. Someone suggested that a nearby volunteer bunch be called.

Despite some doubt that the volunteer outfit would be of any assistance, the call was made. The volunteers arrived in a dilapidated old fire truck. They rumbled straight towards the fire, drove right into the middle of the flames and stopped! The firemen jumped off the truck and frantically started spraying water in all directions. Soon they had snuffed out the center of the fire, breaking the blaze into two easily controlled parts. Watching all this, the farmer was so impressed with the volunteer fire department's work and was so grateful that his farm had been spared, that right there on the spot he presented the volunteers with a check for \$1,000. A local news reporter asked the volunteer fire captain what the department planned to do with the funds. 'That ought to be obvious,' he responded, wiping ashes off his coat. 'The first thing we're gonna do is get the brakes fixed on our fire truck!'

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