

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned November 10, 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 11/3 there were 23 members and one guest present. Pres. DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to GARY FUNKHOUSER, and the attendance pot was awarded to VIRGIL HOLST.

Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from MICK GUTTAU for his birthday and recognition of accomplishments of his son JOSH GUTTAU in graduate banking school. KEITH DENTON added a dollar to announce the birth of his new grand daughter. JOHN KLEIN contributed in recognition of two pieces of writing recently published. GARY GUTTAU added a dollar in recognition of the efforts of STEVE IRVIN in broadcasting girls volley ball play by play on KMA radio.

Thanks to JOHN SCHMITT, GARY FUNDHOUSER, JEFF JORGENSEN and LARRY KRAMER for assisting the cheer leaders with the recent can and bottle sorting. Contributions in November will be handled by our club for Santa's Children projects in the Treynor area.

Nine Board members met to discuss club programs and business after the regular club meeting. Treasurer JEFF JORGENSEN reported \$4835 in cash available, and \$3199 in the Endowment Fund. He emphasized it was time to pay dues for the current Optimist year. Pres. WILLENBORG announced that members of the Treynor High Octagon Club would be helping us with the can and bottle sorting this month. LARRY KRAMER announced arrangements with The Rose for a dinner meeting on November 17 to inform guests about Optimist activities. A motion was approved to drop five inactive members from the roster. The new member application of Jim Murray was approved. Murray was sponsored by LES HARVEY. JOHN KLEIN announced he would be sending thank you letters to contributors of Bingo prizes and asked for approval of postage expenses. Motion was approved to contribute \$200 to the Elementary School for Assembly expenses. Motion was approved to contribute \$100 to the Lakin Human Service Campus in Council Bluffs. Motion was approved to host the Zone 3 Optimist meeting Monday February 18, 2008, the week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Iowa District Optimist Conference. Motion was approved to pay \$150 for the registration fee for a Treynor student to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference in Lamoni, IA. Fund raising activities were discussed. A committee to develop a proposal for a community calendar was appointed with GARY GUTTAU as chair. A committee chair for the annual spaghetti dinner is needed. The potential for post-season junior high basketball tournaments will be investigated.

**APPLYING THE RESOURCES IN COUNCIL BLUFFS**

Bob Mundt, President and CEO of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce, explained that when he agreed to come to Council Bluffs from Sioux City fifteen years ago there wasn't much happening and the Chamber had little resources. During the time since then there have been tremendous changes due in large part to the unique agreement formed between the city and the casinos. Mundt noted that today Council Bluffs has more diversified business and industry including agricultural processing and information technology. Also there is an increase of retail stores. Annual residential housing construction has increased 10 fold the past 15 years. Proximity to Omaha has some influence on this growth and development. According to Mundt Council Bluffs was chosen as a top tourism town in Iowa for 2007.

Mundt explained the Chamber has about 850 members to support its operations with a staff of 13. The Chamber is a catalyst in getting people together to develop plans leading to community

progress and development. The Chamber has four divisions of activities: Pottawattamie County Growth Alliance, Convention and Visitors Bureau, Public Policy and Leadership, and Membership Development and Services. Mundt said the Chamber has been involved with the Google company expansion to Council Bluffs for several years and their plans were finally announced this past June. Google is developing a \$600 million expansion of its computer network server facilities that requires 200 employees (phases 1 and 2). The first phase of building a 200 thousand square foot facility is underway. Mundt noted that abundant electrical power, water, and land were major location decision factors for Google. Also the proximity to the national internet grid and good transportation were important as well. The growth and development in Council Bluffs is expected to stimulate growth of local communities such as Treynor.

#### **November Can Kennel contributions for Santa's Children Village**

- Nov. 10 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Nov. 12 Zone meeting at Griswold, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 14 Can and bottle sorting.
- Nov. 17 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Nov. 17 Prospective member meeting, The Rose, 6:30 p.m.

#### **December Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom Committee**

##### **Birthdays**

11/8 MICK GUTTAU#, 11/25 KATHY SCHMITT

##### **Anniversaries**

11/6 KENNETH GRAHAM, 11/7 KIRK VORTHMANN#,

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

11/25 WARD CHAMBERS, 11/27 ROCKY SAAR

# recognized to date

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P.S. When the young girl died and went to heaven St. Peter said, "Before I let you in, you have to pass a test." "Oh, No!" the girl said. "Don't worry," St. Peter said, "This is easy. Who was God's son?" The girl thought a bit and then said, "Andy." St. Peter said, "Andy?" "Yes," the young girl said, "we sang it in church, 'Andy walks with me, Andy walks with me, Andy tells me I am his own.'"

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