



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned December 1, 2007, 7:30 a.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. KEITH DENTON is arranging for a program speaker. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

The Optimist club met on 11/17 with 22 members and one guest present. Vice Pres. DICK BABER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. GARY FUNKHOUSER led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN KLEIN, and the attendance pot was awarded to GARY GUTTAU.

GARY FUNKHOUSER circulated a printed copy from the web site for the Treynor Junior Optimist Octagon Club. It can also be found as a link from the Treynor Schools web site.

Thanks to FUNKHOUSER, GARY GUTTAU, RICHARD and BILL VORTHMANN, and LARRY KRAMER for working at the last can and bottle sorting. They were assisted by six Junior Optimists and by Orien Hodges of Santa's Christmas Village, Macedonia, IA. The next can and bottle sorting for Santa's Children will be on the 28th after school.

KRAMER reminded club members of the opportunity to bring interested guests to the meeting at The Rose to learn about club activities.

The Optimist club met on 11/24 with 18 members and one guest present. Vice Pres. BABER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. KIRK VORTHMANN led the devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to KEVIN ABBOTT, and the attendance pot was awarded to KEITH DENTON, but it couldn't be collected.

Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from JOSH GUTTAU for the birth of a son, Dane Michael. Grandfather, MICK GUTTAU also added a dollar. JOSH added another dollar for the newspaper announcement of his achievement of a Professional Master of Banking degree from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. JOHN KLEIN contributed a dollar in recognition of his wedding anniversary.

FUNKHOUSER reminded members of the upcoming bond election on December 11 for Iowa Western Community College. They plan a \$22 construction and renovation effort to increase nursing education to meet medical service needs.

KRAMER stated no guests were able to make the NOW dinner meeting last Saturday. V.P. BABER noted the Board will plan to meet after the next club meeting and NOW meeting plans will be on the agenda.

USING A TRUST FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

JON JACOBSEN and John Meyers are Trust Officers at Treynor State Bank. Through their experience and

expertise they have helped the bank achieve a very notable growth in trust deposits in recent years. JACOBSEN explained there is increasing use of living trusts that are established to benefit the person creating the trust. This is in contrast to the traditional testamentary trust established for the benefit of succeeding generations. Meyers noted that a trust can address many different personal situations where the bank can provide financial management assistance. These situations could include divorce, business sale, tax avoidance, widowed, investments, retirement, family business, parents, children, charities, etc. JACOBSEN stated the first thing to do to see the advantage of a living trust for your personal situation is to talk to a trust officer. JACOBSEN noted you are never too old to utilize a living trust. It could prevent all-too-common elder financial abuse when the bank is named the trustee to manage financial affairs.

NEW ELEMENTARY COUNSELOR AT TREYNOR

Jann Strutzenberg grew up in the Treynor area and graduated from Treynor High. After several years of teaching and counseling in other communities she is now the new Elementary Guidance Counselor for Treynor Schools. Strutzenberg said she was very happy to be at work in the Treynor Schools and to be in a position to add a new dimension to the elementary educational program. As this is a new position for the elementary school, she is often asked what an elementary guidance counselor does. Strutzenberg explained that elementary guidance is different than secondary guidance. She teaches to all students each week about life skills such as decision making, communication, friendship, goal setting, etc. Strutzenberg also counsels small groups and individuals according to needs. These needs may relate to problems at school, at home, with friends, or other fears or causes of stress. Mainly, Strutzenberg emphasized, she is a friend for the student to discuss problems and for parents to understand the growth and development of their child.

CALENDAR

November Can Kennel contributions for Santa's Children

Nov. 28 Can and bottle sorting, 3:45 p.m.

December Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom Committee

Dec. 1 Club meeting at St. Paul, program TBA.
Board meeting after club meeting.

Birthdays

11/8 MICK GUTTAU#, 11/18 DIANNE WILLENBORG
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

P.S. The state trooper is driving down the highway when he sees a truck driver pull over, walk to the side of the truck with the tire jack, bang on the truck side several time, get back in and drive away. Two miles down the road he does the same thing. Another two miles, the same thing. The trooper pulls the drive over and asked the driver to explain. And the driver says, "The load limit is 10 tons, and I'm carrying fifteen tons of parakeets, so I've got to keep some of them flying around."

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