



# 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 December 15, 2007, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. KEITH DENTON is arranging for a speaker to describe the Cookie Crumb project. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

### REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

**R** The Optimist club met on 12/8 with 20 members and one guest present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotional prayer.

**I** The 50/50 was awarded to our guest speaker Bruce Rasmussen, and the attendance pot was collected by ARLYN NORRIS.

**E** Contributions to the Youth Fund were received from LES and MILLI HARVEY for their 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and from JOHN KLEIN for his anniversary. KLEIN also added a dollar to advertise the Junior Treynor Women Santa's Visit and Cookie Walk later in the day. KEVIN UNDERWOOD contributed a dollar in recognition of his upcoming birthday. MICK GUTTAU added a dollar as his photo was recently in the newspaper regarding his selection as chair of the board of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines.

**N** JUDY GUTTAU announced that all monthly program chairs for next year are set and thanked members for filling the calendar.

**D** JEFF JORGENSEN announced the Treynor Cub Scout Pack has established an internet web site at [www.cubscoutpack729.org](http://www.cubscoutpack729.org).

**O** Thanks to LARRY KRAMER, GARY GUTTAU, GARY FUNKHOUSER, KIRK VORTHMANN, and RICHARD VORTHMANN, BOB HIBBARD and DALE WILLENBORG for working at the last can and bottle sorting for Santa's Children. Junior Optimist RJ Jensen and Orien Hodges of Santa's Christmas Village also assisted. The next sorting will be on December 19 with the Junior Class After-the-Prom Committee at 6 p.m.

**F** Seven Board members met after the club meeting to discuss club business. The treasurer report showed \$5600 in cash assets and \$3200 in endowment funds. Checks to the Girl Scouts for \$705.85 and the Cub Scouts for \$611.45 are ready to be issued from Can Kennel receipts. A Can Kennel use application from the Junior Optimist Octagon Club for February 2009 was approved. Only the month of November is still open in 2008. We will host the next Zone Optimist meeting on February 18 with time and place to be determined. A NOW program will be planned in January. A Spaghetti Dinner will be planned in the near future for fund raising.

**Y** P.S. Lars and Ole were sitting at a table in the back of a bar room where they began to laugh and laugh. A guy at the bar asked the bartender what was so funny that they were laughing so hard. The bartender said he didn't know. So the guy went over to Lars and Ole and asked them what they were laughing at. They told them they just finished putting together a puzzle. And they showed it to him noting it was as big as a kitchen table. The guy looks at the puzzle and asks, "What is so funny about that?" Lars replied through his chuckles, "It says on the box 4 to 6 years." "But," Ole added, "It took us only 3 months!"

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### A NEED FOR TECHNICAL TRADE WORKERS

Bruce Rasmussen is President and CEO of Rasmussen Mechanical Services of Council Bluffs. Rasmussen has a message for parents of youth thinking about their work careers. He explained to Optimist members that there is a serious need for more workers in the technical fields. Rasmussen Mechanical Services is company of 120 employees servicing the central US from four locations in Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. They provide mechanical services throughout the central US. Specific trades with their company include heating and air conditioning, welding, pipe fitting, sheet metal fitting, boiler installation, combustion controls, water conditioning, laboratory safety equipment testing, computer based controllers, as well as computer aided drafting and design. Rasmussen noted that new employees typically learn a trade through apprenticeships and technical schools plus specific on-the-job training continuing education. Rasmussen stated that workers can start from \$18 to \$20/hr and earn up to \$32/hr with experience and continuing education effort. Rasmussen noted the because of rapid technical improvement of equipment to increase efficiencies it becomes even more important to do the proper maintenance. He challenged us to encourage young adults to look at the career opportunities offered in the technical trades.

### CALENDAR

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

- Dec. 15 Club meeting , program about Cookie Crumbs project.
- Dec. 19 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 22 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec. 29 Club meeting, program TBA.

#### January Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom Committee

- Jan. 5 Club meeting, program by IA Ag. Dept. Sec. Bill Northey.
- Jan. 9 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m

#### Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL,
- 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD#
- 12/31 JEFF NELSON

#### Anniversaries

- 12/21 WES NELSON,
- 12/27 GARY and DEE GUTTAU,
- 12/31 BOB HIBBARD
- # recognized to date