



# 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 29, 2007, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. KEITH DENTON has arranged for Alan Tiarks to speak about conservation issues. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

### REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

**R** The Optimist club met on a snowy December 15 with 11 members and two guests present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JEFF JORGENEN led the devotional prayer.

**I** The 50/50 was awarded to KEITH DENTON. The attendance pot was awarded to BILL MATTHEW, but it was not collected.

**E** JORGENSEN added a dollar to the Youth Fund to comment about the recent Cub Scout Pack meeting. Darrel Draper was the program feature who captivated the audience with his impersonation of the guide for the Lewis and Clark Expedition. LARRY KRAMER added a dollar for his error in the last club news report on the date of Bill Northy's scheduled visit. It is in February.

**N** Thanks to KRAMER, JIM CLAUSEN, JOHN KLEIN, and BOB HIBBARD for stringing Christmas lights on the Al Strohbehn Memorial tree near the high school.

**D** President WILLENBORG announced the next can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel would be with the After-the-Prom Committee on December 19 at 6 p.m.

**O** Jenny Hecker and her daughter Rachel attended the club meeting to thank the Optimists for the opportunity to use the Can Kennel for funds to support Girl Scout activities. Hecker stated that girls from two troops worked at the Can Kennel last August. Hecker and Tracy Jarrett are leaders of Troop 50 composed of twelve 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls. Hecker and Stacy Buresh are leaders of Troop 205 composed of twelve 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Hecker stated that the funds from the Can Kennel would be used for educational and recreational activities including summer camp. Hecker said it was her 11<sup>th</sup> year as a Girl Scout leader.

**F** The Optimist club met on December 22 with 15 members present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge and the devotional prayer.

**Y** The 50/50 was awarded to KEITH DENTON, again. The attendance pot was awarded to BOB ABBOTT, but it was not collected.

**O** GERALD FORRISTALL contributed to the Youth Fund for his birthday and to tell about the move of his granddaughter back to Iowa from Oregon. LARRY KRAMER added a contribution to tell about his daughter Anne who received a Masters degree in special education at UNO and accepted a teaching position at Omaha Central High School. JEFF JORGENSEN added a dollar to announce that he accepted a job with Union Pacific to help maintain their fiber optic network.

**U** P.S. During a big snow storm the radio announcer said there was a snow emergency and told everyone to park on the odd-numbered side of the street or cars would be towed. A few days later, another storm and everyone was told to park on the even-numbered side. Then a few days later, another storm and parking on the odd side. Ole got frustrated and said, "Heck Lena, I'm tired of this. I'm gonna leave the dang car in the garage and they can tow it if they want to!"

Thanks to JORGENSEN, JOHN KLEIN, and RICHARD VORTHMANN for helping at the recent can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel. The next sorting is January 9<sup>th</sup>. JORGENSEN said he had received all redemptions through November and the total accumulative receipts since the Can Kennel was organized in May 1999 are near \$60,000. JORGENSEN also noted the redemption center in Glenwood was looking for a satellite location to rent for sorting cans and bottles by distributor source. He said they would like to reduce transportation time and cost from pickup sites like our Can Kennel to the Glenwood center.

LARRY KRAMER announced the Treynor Highway Welcome Sign Committee was planning a repeat community basketball activity February 23. This is expected to be the final fund raising activity for the welcome sign project and the Optimist Club is invited to participate.

JORGENSEN announced that the upcoming Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby would be held January 25 and 26. He asked for some help with the activity and invited club members to view it. JORGENSEN said there are about 75 cub scouts, and the new computer controlled race track and all the racing cars will make this quite an exciting event for youth and parents. JORGENSEN noted that Cub Pack 729 has a new web site he recently created. It is linked to our club web site.

Thanks to many members who generously contributed cash and grocery items to the Treynor Food Pantry. We will collect additional offerings at the next meeting. So far \$200 has been contributed, and the club will match the first \$100.

### CALENDAR

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

- Dec. 29 Club meeting, program by Alan Tiarks.
- Jan. 5 Club meeting, program by Mark Drake, SouthWest Iowa Renewable Energy.
- Jan. 9 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 12 Club meeting, program by Linda Eitmann, Director of St Paul's Lutheran Preschool.
- Jan. 19 Club meeting, program by Dr. Dan Kinney, Pres. Iowa Western Community College.
- Jan. 26 NOW Club meeting.

#### February Can Kennel contributions for Junior Optimist Octagon Club.

- Feb. 2 Club meeting, program by IA Agriculture Dept. Sec. Bill Northey.

#### Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL#L,
- 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

