



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 January 5, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. JUDY GUTTAU has arranged for Mark Drake to speak about ethanol energy development and construction progress of the Southwest Iowa Renewable Energy ethanol plant south of Council Bluffs. Members are encouraged to bring a guest and the public is invited.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

R The Optimist club met December 29 with 17 members and four guests present. Vice President DICK BABER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. LARRY KRAMER led the devotional prayer.

I The 50/50 was awarded to MICK GUTTAU. The attendance pot was awarded to KIRK VORTHMANN, but it was not collected.

E Guests Gene Young, Georgia Denton, and Allan and Elizabeth Tiarks were acknowledged.

N Contributions for the Youth Fund were received from BOB HIBBARD and GARY and DEE GUTTAU for wedding anniversaries in December. The Tiarks also contributed for their early January anniversary.

D JEFF JORGENSEN asked for any additional contributions to the Treynor Food Bank. He also suggested the club have a white elephant auction soon to clear out those Christmas gifts of dubious value to the receiver.

O JUDY GUTTAU announced the annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Friday February 1. So, members should be making plans to help with this important fund raising activity.

F There will be a Board meeting after the next club meeting.

LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION

Y Allan Tiarks is serving as an elected volunteer and current chairman of the West Pott. County Soil Conservation District Commissioners. Tiarks explained he is one of five commissioners who oversee the administration of federal, state, and local funding of conservation projects in the western half of the county, the only county in Iowa with two Conservation Districts. The mission of the Conservation District is to provide technical, financial, and educational assistance to all land owners while conserving and improving natural resources. This work is carried out with employees working together from federal, state, and local District offices. Tiarks noted there are several conservation programs targeting different conservation environments such as farm fields, watersheds, urban areas and residential yards. In 1944 when the Conservation District was organized, conservation of agricultural land was primary the concern. Tillage for row crop farming was contributing to excessive storm runoff and erosion of

the rolling hills of loess soil. Tiarks noted that during the past sixty years about ninety percent of agricultural land of west Pott. County has been terraced resulting in a significant reduction of peak storm runoff rate and soil erosion. A major shift to no-till cropping in the past decade has also been a great help to reduce runoff and soil loss. Current watershed projects on the District's agenda include improvement of degraded water quality of Carter Lake, Lake Manawa management, Indian Creek reservoir dam rehabilitation, and reduction of runoff and erosion from residential development of the Little Pony Creek watershed at the edge of Council Bluffs. Tiarks explained that conservation in the urban environment is a growing program. Water and soil management practices such as rain gardens, bioswales, composting, and pervious paving are gaining attention of urban land owners to minimize storm runoff and erosion and consequent nutrient and pesticide movement from yard areas. According to Tiarks there are funds for cost sharing with land owners to implement conservation practices. These funds come from federal, state, and local sources. The county Local Option Sales Tax provides local funding for enhanced conservation practice installations typically not found in other counties. Tiarks explained that land owners must apply for cost share funding and the design of the practice to be installed has to meet federal specifications. Tiarks said he would be happy to accept any questions about the District programs. More information about the Pott. County Conservation Districts can be found on their web site: pottswcd.org.

CALENDAR

January Can Kennel contributions for After-the-Prom Committee

- Jan. 5 Club meeting, program by Mark Drake
Board meeting after club meeting.
- 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.
Pine Wood Derby, Elementary School.
- Jan. 30 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

February Can Kennel contributions for Junior Optimist Octagon Club.

- Feb. 1 Spaghetti Dinner
- Feb. 2 Club meeting, program by IA Agriculture Dept. Sec. Bill Northey.

Birthdays

1/19 DENNIS WHITE, 1/19 JOHN SCHMITT

Anniversaries

2/6 JON JACOBSEN
recognized to date

H P.S. The lawyer was cross examining the doctor about whether he checked for a pulse on the deceased before signing the death certificate. "No," the doctor responded, "I did not check for a pulse."

"Then, did you listen for a heartbeat?" the lawyer asked. "No, I did not." the doctor replied.

"So," said the lawyer, "you did not take the steps to make sure of my client's death when you signed the death certificate. "Let me put it this way," the doctor said, "The man's brain was in a jar on my desk. For all I know he could be out practicing law somewhere."

