

# The Optimist Club of Treynor, 1A **NEWSLETTER**

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### **Report of Recent Club Meeting**

President Richard Baber opened the Optimist Club meeting on February and John Schmidt gave the opening prayer. There were 12 members and one guest in attendance. Chad Guttau won the 50/50 drawing and dale Willenborg won the attendance drawing.

Gary Guttau, Gary Funkhouser, and Keith Denton provided jokes for the meeting. Kirk Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund for a new grandson, born at 9 lbs, 11 oz to Wade and Elisa. John Schmidt contributed \$3 for bragging rights and Dale Willenborg contributed \$5 for pictures he took that were published in the gazette.

The Club is planning a dinner on Friday, February 27 at the Rose at 6:30 p.m. (Note time and date corrections). Spouses and guests are welcome. The next Optimist Zone meeting will be Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Underwood at the U.M.B.A. community hall.

There was a large turnout for the Can Kennel sorting on February 11 for the Treynor Information Technology (IT) Club. Gary Guttau, Gary Funkhouser, Dale Willenborg, and Kevin Underwood assisted.

The final proceeds for the Alec Mass community fundraiser was \$22,900. See the <u>treynoroptimist.org</u> web site for pictures.

## **Emergency Services**

Rich Livengood, a paramedic with the Treynor Fire Department, was the speaker on 14 February. He grew up in Carson and has lived in Treynor 12 years. He has been a paramedic for 20 years. He is on a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) search and rescue and has been a variety of places in that capacity, including the World Trade Center and the Gulf coast. He works as a paramedic at a fire station in Omaha.

Treynor has five volunteer paramedics trained on advanced life support. Paramedics can perform the same procedures as an Emergency Room. To maintain proficiency Rich has to complete 70 hours of training per year for Emergency Medical Services

(EMS) certification and an additional 100 hours per year for paramedic training.

For liability insurance, most people are covered under the Good Samaritan Act. At work Rich is covered under an Omaha city policy.

Omaha has 40,000-50,000 calls to 911 per year. Omaha has 24 fire stations and 14 ambulances. Treynor has 120-150 calls to 911 each year, including mutual aid calls in the surrounding communities. Working in Omaha, he has participated in up to 18 calls in one day.

As a paramedic, Rich carries a box full of all types of pharmaceuticals. These drugs are rotated periodically with a pharmacy to keep them fresh.

#### **CALENDAR**

The February Can Kennel contributions will be for the Treynor IT Club. Total collections are \$67,852 through November 2008.

Feb 16, Mon, 6:30 p.m. – Optimist Zone Meeting at Underwood UMBA

Feb 17, Tues, 7:00 p.m. Crescent Club organization meeting

Feb 21, Sat, all day – Iowa District Second Quarter Conference at Ankeny Courtyard by Marriott Feb 25, Wed, 3:30 p.m. – Can sorting

Feb 27, Fri, 6:30 p.m. – Club dinner and NOW program at Rose. Spouses and guests welcome

#### Birthdays

Feb 1 - DICK BABER (recognized)

Feb 5 - LARRY KRAMER (recognized)

Feb 12 - RICHARD VORTHMANN

Feb 13 - GARY FUNKHOUSER (recognized)

#### **Anniversaries**

Feb 6 - JON JACOBSEN

Feb 23 - RICHARD VORTHMANN

#### **Speakers**

Feb 21 – Winery tour – Prairie Crossing. Meet there at 7:30 a.m.

Feb 28 – Hubert Houser, Iowa State Senator, and Greg Forrestall, Iowa House Representative

#### **Programs**

February – Gary Guttau

March - Chad Guttau

April - Dale Willenborg

May - Richard Vorthmann

PS: Restaurants

Waiter: "How did you find your steak, sir?" Customer: "I was just luck. I happened to move a piece of potato and there it was."

A young married man ordered breakfast while on a job away from home. He ordered eggs fried hard, the bacon burned to a crisp, and the biscuits scorched black. The waitres said that they had never had an order like that. "Do you want anything else?" "Yes, Frizz up your hair and sit across from me. I'm homesick."

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