

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 November 29 with the pledge and Arlyn Norris giving the prayer. There were 17 members and one visitor in attendance

Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund because he will be a great-great grandfather soon. He also has a grandson who was picked to be in the All State Choir. Jeff Jorgensen contributed because he had a letter to the editor published. Kevin Underwood contributed because he was interviewed at the Golden Corral after a car crashed into it.

Steve Irvin won the 50-50 drawing. Kelly Sutherland won the attendance drawing but did not collect it.

Dale Willenborg opened the meeting on December 6. Richard Vorthmann gave the prayer. There were 17 members and three guests at the meeting. Jim Claussen on the 50-50 drawing and Kirk Vorthmann won the attendance drawing but did not collect it.

The club members sang to Gerald Forristal who celebrated his 85th birthday and to Kevin Underwood in recognition of his upcoming birthday. Ester, Judy Guttau's mother, also celebrated her birthday.

Gary Funkhouser contributed to the Youth Fund because his son Mark became a Major in the State Patrol in Lincoln. Gerald Forristal contributed because his Grandson will begin working at TS Bank. Larry Kramer and Dick Baber also contributed.

The Cub Scouts sorted cans at the Can Kennel on Wednesday. Jeff Jorgensen and Gary Guttau assisted. Total proceeds are \$67,140 through October 2008.

The Optimist Club held a Board meeting on 7 December. They accepted having the Treynor IT Club receive proceeds from the Can Kennel in February, replacing the Volleyball Club that withdrew their application. They also purchased a \$250 brick for the Memorial Monument.

The Board also discussed a spaghetti supper for January 23, holding a youth fishing contest in the Spring, and the annual North-South basketball game.

Trusts and Wills

Kyle Irvin, an attorney for Corbett, Anderson, Corbett in Sioux City, was the guest speaker on November 29. He talked about the differences between Trusts and Wills.

A Will gives instructions for transfer of property after death. A Will requires a probate judge to initiate transfer of assets (including property) to another person. When there is no Will or Trust, the probate will follow State law.

A Trust will define how assets are handled without going to probate. The Trust agreement specifies the Trustee of the Trust and assets have to be transferred to the Trust, including bank accounts, cars, and home. The Trust costs more initially than a Will, but saves money in the end because it avoids probate.

In a probate from a Will, creditors have four months to make claims against the estate. With a Trust they have two months.

A probate can only be open for a maximum of five years. A Trust requires someone watching over the money, but can remain open much longer.

There are two types of Trust, Revocable and Irrevocable. A Revocable Trust can be changed through amendments.

Treynor City Planning

Mayor Chuck Killian was the guest speaker on December 6. He has been on the City Council or mayor for 24 years.

The signs at the edge of Treynor may be completed this year if the weather is good. Stephens Ridge is finishing the sewer and water. Then it can be annexed by the city. The first phase will include 29 homes and 14 town homes.

The city is working on a ten year plan, which will include a new well. The city received a \$250,000 grant to fund half the cost of the well.

Treynor has a five year contract to film the sewers. (The filming will not be broadcast on PBS). The biggest problem is roots in the storm sewers, but other problems can be precisely pinpointed to greatly reduce repair costs.

Treynor has a AAA bond rating. They have a \$100,000 contingency fund. Therefore the city is very fiscally sound. The community building is paying for itself ahead of schedule. The city has four full time employees and one part time. The County Sheriff is contracted on a part time basis, averaging three hours per day.

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The November Can Kennel contributions will be for the Cub Scouts. Total collections are \$67,140 through October 2008.

Speakers

12/13 Cliff Tulsie - Good News Jail & Prison Ministry12/20 Tom Jensen - The Center in Council Bluffs12/27 Alan Allsman - Youth Bowling

Birthdays

12/2 Gerald Forristal 12/16 Kevin Underwood

12/31 Jeff Nelson

Anniversaries

12/21 Wes Nelson

12/27 Gary & Dee Guttau

12/31 Bob Hibbard

Programs

December - Judy Guttau & Bill Matthews

January - Keith Denton

February - Gary Guttau

March - Chad Guttau

April – Dale Willenborg

May – Richard Vorthmann

YOU KNOW YOU LIVE IN A SMALL TOWN WHEN...

- * The "road hog" in front of you on Main Street is a farmer's combine.
- * The local phone book has only one yellow page.
- * Third Street is on the edge of town.
- * Everyone knows all the news before it's published; they just read the hometown paper to see whether the publisher got it right.
- * There's no place to go that you shouldn't.
- * A "Night on the Town" takes only 11 minutes.
- * The mayor had to annex property to eat a foot-long hot dog.
- * The New Year's baby was born in October.

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