



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA
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NEWSLETTER

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Poverty in Treynor? Say it Ain't So!



City Manager Kelly Groskurth spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on January 30. She isn't familiar directly with poverty, but collects water bills, so she is familiar with people who are struggling. One thing that she has done to improve payment of water bills is to shorten the billing cycle. They haven't had to shut

off anyone's water yet. She is working with people to get them on a payment plan. Automatic payments also help. The city went from 48 to 21 late notices. Iowa West Foundation helps cities with grants for infrastructure improvements. Kelly said Treynor is looking into applying. To get federal or state aid, a city must have 51% of its people in a low to moderate income bracket. Treynor doesn't meet that objective. The median household income in Pottawattamie County is \$48,751. Treynor has \$60,417. Underwood is at about \$84,000, and McCelland is about \$78,000.

Calendar

- Feb 6 – Regional Optimist meeting at Salem Methodist Church
- Feb 10 – Optimist Can Kennel sorting, 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 13 – Board meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 24 - Optimist Can Kennel sorting, 5:00 p.m.
- Apr 3 – club breakfast fundraiser

Birthdays

- Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann
- Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser

Anniversaries

- Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
- Feb 23 – Richard & Luetta Vorthmann

Speakers

- Feb 13: Greg Forristall, Iowa State Representative from the 22nd District
- Feb 20: Bryce Poland, Treynor mayor
- Feb 27: Open

Meeting Minutes

John Klein opened the meeting on January 30 and led the pledge of allegiance. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer. Richard Vorthmann and Dale Willenborg provided humor.

For bragging rights, John Klein contributed in recognition of the Ag Summit in Treynor. Mick Gutttau contributed because he went to a basketball game in Ames. Jim Clausen contributed because he is going to be a grandfather again. Justin and his wife are expecting.

The Optimist regional meeting will be at Salem Methodist Church in Council Bluffs February 6, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The club voted to provide \$100 per person for the Ambassadors of Music students.

Mick Gutttau bought some cookies for \$2 at the auction.

John Klein passed around a signup list for Optimist Club activity coordinators. He also asked for nominations for club officers next year. Dale Willenborg was nominated for Secretary and Gary Gutttau for Treasurer. John Klein, Keith Denton, and Kirk Vorthmann were nominated for President. Nominations will be open for several more weeks. Kevin Underwood won the 50/50 and Ken Graham won the attendance award. There were 14 members and one guest at the meeting.

Mar 5: Mike Gronstal, Iowa State Senator representing the 8th District

Mar 26: Jeff Jorgensen, Pott. County Republican Committee Chairman

Programs

- Feb – Gary Funkhouser
- Mar – John Klein
- April – Chad Gutttau
- May – Gary Gutttau
- June – Dale Willenborg
- July – Jeff Jorgensen will take the first two. Last two open.
- Aug – Mick Gutttau
- Sept – Ken Graham
- Oct – Bill Vorthmann
- Nov – Judy Gutttau
- Dec - Chuck Nielsen

Can Kennel Applications Pending

Music Boosters-Shoening-12/23/2015 – Request Aug or Sept