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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, November 6, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church about 7 a.m. for donuts and fellowship. GENE SERAN has arranged for Michael Schmid to speak about his parking service business. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

**REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING**

At the last Club meeting 17 members and one guest were present. LARRY KRAMER was visiting the Walnut Optimist Club. President GENE presided. The attendance pot was awarded to BILL STEPHENS, but it was not collected. JERYL UNDERWOOD won the 50/50.

GENE announced standing committee chairs for this year as follows: Community Service, JOHN KLEIN; Youth Activities, JEFF NELSON; Publicity, LES HARVEY; New Club, LARRY KRAMER; Youth Club, GARY FUNKHOUSER, Fellowship, GEORGE SCHNEIDER; Finance, RICHARD VORTHMANN; Program, KEITH DENTON; and Membership, BOB HIBBARD.

GENE presented RICHARD his belated Master Secretary award for the 1997-1998 year. (Got his name spelled right this time.) Congratulations RICHARD.

GENE presented a certificate of appreciation to LES signed by OI President, Andre Dubois, for the efforts of LES for new club building. Congratulations, LES.

GEORGE welcomed GERALD FORRISTALL back to the Club meeting after an extended recovery period after back surgery.

It was noted that charter member, AL STROHBEHN is in the hospital and is expected to reside at a nursing care center in Griswold upon release from the hospital.

GENE gave Red Ribbon Week bookmarks to LES to distribute to Treynor school students. The book marks have the Optimist Creed on one side and five promises on the other side—to avoid abuse of mind and body, to strongly refuse illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco, to promote a positive and safe school environment, to not ride in cars with drivers under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and to encourage friends to avoid abuse of body and mind. The bookmarks were printed for distribution throughout the Iowa by Optimist Clubs.

RICHARD reported receipts from the Can Kennel project. The Boy Scouts received \$437 in August, and the Honor Choir received \$445 in September. Since May over \$1700 has been collected for youth activities from community donations of cans and bottle deposits to the Can Kennel.

JOHN distributed HyVee purchase coupons to members for potential use to earn funds for the Honor Choir trip expenses.

**REMEMBER:** Helpers are needed to collect at the gate at the home football game this Friday.

**ABOUT A LESSOR KNOWN CANDIDATE**

Mrs. Viva Miller spoke about the merits of presidential candidate Gary Bauer; a conservative dedicated to electing pro-family conservatives to public office. Mr. Bauer served under President Reagan as Undersecretary of Education, and chief Domestic Policy Advisor. Viva distributed position statements from Mr. Bauer on several topics. Mr. Bauer is in favor of eliminating the Department of Education and rebuilding the Department of Defense. He is a proponent of a flat tax of 16%. He is in favor of restoring the independence of farmers and establishing a program to help farmers manage the gyrating cash flow cycles. Mr Bauer also has a plan to sustain Social Security through reduced tax and benefits. Viva encouraged all to consider the merits of Mr Bauer's proposals and his accomplishments when choosing political candidates.

**CALENDAR**

- Oct: Treynor Music Boosters Can Collection.**
- Oct. 25-30 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 29 Football game gate receipts, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Club Meeting, program by Michael Schmid.
- Nov. 2 Can sorting, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 3 Potential Football gate receipts.
- Nov. 27 Set up Community Christmas Tree.
- Dec. 2 Decorate Christmas Tree and Caroling with Cub Scouts.
- Nov: Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club Can Collection.**
- Dec: Silver Creek 4-H Club Can Collection.**

- BIRTHDAYS 10/29 BILL VORTHMANN
- ANNIVERSARIES 10/24 BILL STEPHENS

P.S Matt and Pat were caught rustling cattle over the border and after a summary trial, both were sentenced to hanging.

When the boys strung up Matt, the rope slipped and he fell into the river below, rapidly swimming around a curve and making his escape.

Chagrined, the posse turned to string up Pat, who cautioned them. "Boys, be sure ya tie a better knot this time," he said. "I can't swim a stroke."

(Thanks to RICHARD VORTHMANN for newsletter contributions)