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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, February 12, 2000 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. RICHARD VORTHMANN has arranged for Joe Pestotnik to speak about issues of the Iowa State Department of Natural Resources Fish and Game programs. The meeting starts at 7:20. Arrive earlier for coffee, rolls, and sharing of recent experiences. Bring a guest.

**REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING**

At the last Club meeting 14 members and one guest were present. LARRY KRAMER and KEVIN UNDERWOOD were attending the Iowa District Meeting in Marshalltown. President GENE SERAN presided. The attendance pot was awarded to GERALD FORRISTALL, but he couldn't collect. MILLI HARVEY won the 50/50 drawing.

It was good to have LES HARVEY back to a Club meeting following knee surgery.

Birthday greetings were sung for ED UNDERWOOD and GARY FUNKHOUSER. They each donated with appreciation a dollar to the youth fund. There are still a few on the February list to catch next week.

GARY distributed information about the weekly activity schedule at the schools. Also, he distributed information regarding the 1 percent local option sales and services tax for schools in Pott. County to be voted on in March.

LES reported for JOHN KLEIN on the Swim Day activity last Sunday at Lewis Central Pool for Treynor and Riverside school youth. It was very successful with about 100 youth and adults participating. This project generates great public relations for the Treynor and Botna Valley Optimist Clubs with youth and parents from several communities. Many thanks to JOHN for arranging these events each year.

GENE called for a hand of recognition to BOB HIBBARD for his consistent effort with the can sorting at the Can Kennel each month. He had eye surgery last Tuesday morning, but he was there Wednesday helping out. Thanks also to LARRY, KEVIN, JERYL UNDERWOOD, and BILL STEPHENS for their help sorting and sacking cans and bottles last week.

**A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Treynor Elementary School Principal, Kevin Elwood, spoke about several issues pertaining to the educational program at the elementary school. Kevin noted the elementary school enrollment is growing from population increase in the school district and the open enrollment transfers. Next year kindergarten is expected to double the number of students this year. From the recent report of the Committee on Early Childhood Education, Kevin, noted a day long kindergarten program was recommended. The School Board is expected to vote on the issue this week. Kevin said the new construction at the Elementary School was 99% complete. They now have a fine new art room and another classroom. The new air conditioning is a making a big difference in teacher and student performance. Kevin indicated the school has the maximum technology available and the instruction for students to apply it. Kevin thanked all that helped the Treynor schools win the Cash Back program at the Mall of the Bluffs. Treynor schools received \$5000 from this community effort. Kevin said he expects only one teacher change next year due to retirement. Although, another kindergarten teacher may be authorized by the School Board.

**CALENDAR**

**Jan-March: After-the-Prom Committee Can Collection**

- Feb. 12 Club meeting, program by DNR officer Joe Pestotnik.
- Feb. 19 Club meeting, program by Charles and Berni Bickel
- Feb. 20 Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet.
- Feb. 26 Club meeting, program TBA.

- BIRTHDAYS 2/5 LARRY KRAMER  
2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN  
2/13 ED UNDERWOOD  
2/13 GARY FUNKHOUSER
- ANNIVERSARIES 2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL  
2/9 DAN SCHNEPEL  
2/23 RICHARD VORTHMANN

**P.S.** Father and son were posing for a picture following the son's graduation from college. "Stand closer to your father. Try to look a little more natural," the photographer said.

"I think he'd look more natural," the father replied, "if he stood with his hands in my pockets."

Thanks to LES HARVEY for contributing meeting notes for the Newsletter  
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