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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, March 4, 2000 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. LES HARVEY is arranging the program. The meeting starts at 7:20. Bring a guest. There will be no Club meeting on February 26. Plan to come to the new member induction dinner at The Rose on the 27th as discussed below.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting 20 members and 12 guests were present. President GENE SERAN presided. The attendance pot was awarded to ROGER VORTHMANN, but was not collected. Bill Boner won the 50/50 drawing.

Thanks to RICHARD VORTHMANN, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, BILL STEPHENS, KEVIN UNDERWOOD, BOB HIBBARD, and LARRY KRAMER for cooking up breakfast for the crowd.

BOB has been a busy membership chair the past month and he sponsored seven new members for our Club. Instead of arranging a meeting for prospective members as previously planned, we are arranging a special meeting to induct our newest Club members. This meeting will be at The Rose next Sunday at 6 p.m. All Club members are invited to participate. You can bring a guest, even a prospective member, but we need to let The Rose know how big our group will be. So, let GENE know your plans by Thursday.

Our newest members are: Richard Saar, Steve Chambers, Joan Martin, Russ Hendrix, Tresa Mass, Chris Eslinger, and Kevin Elwood. They will be special guests at the dinner by member agreement.

LES announced he expected at least one entry for the Optimist Essay contest. Also, he is working with 49 seventh graders who will be working on their speeches for the Optimist Oratorical competition. More details on this will be forthcoming.

LARRY asked the Club to approve a \$25 expenditure for organizational name lettering for the Can Kennel sign. The request was approved.

JOHN KLEIN has arranged for the second Swim Day for this year to be on March 19. We will again

work with the Botna Valley Optimist Club on this event.

LES said he would soon begin to make contacts to renew the Newsletter advertisements.

A TRIP SOUTH

To celebrate their 40th anniversary Pastor Charles and Berni Bickle took a three-week excursion through Argentina, South America last February. Argentina is a mostly temperate and highly agricultural country. However, Charles noted it ranges from 22 to 55 degrees south latitude and includes a wide range of climates from tropical to the Anarctic waters. Along their itinerary Charles and Berni traveled to the extreme south on the arid Patagonia plateau to visit an isolated sheep ranch. Berni described the contrast they observed between the predominate Catholic and the minority Lutheran churches they visited in the cities. Charles predicted that Argentina would become a greater tourist destination as more discover the great amount of attractions found there.

CALENDAR

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

- Feb. 26 No Club Meeting.
- Feb. 27 New Member Induction Dinner. The Rose, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 28 OI Essay deadline.
- Mar. 4 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 11 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 16 Club Scout Pine Wood Derby. Elementary School, 6:15 p.m.
- Mar. 19 Swim Day #2, Lewis Central Pool, 1-4 p.m.
- Apr. 1? Club Oratorical Contest.

- 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. The scout leader on a camping trip was sick and tired of answering questions. Finally he made a rule: everyone who asked a question that he himself couldn't answer would have to wash everybody else's mess kit after supper.

This didn't stop Danny, who asked more questions than anyone else. Immediately he said, "When a chipmunk digs its hole, why doesn't it leave a heap of dirt around the entrance?"

"Answer it yourself!" the others shouted gleefully.

"A chipmunk starts digging its hole at the other end," Danny explained.

The scoutmaster looked at him scornfully. "How could it get to the other end to start digging?" he said.

"You made the rule," Danny answered. "Start washing."