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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 14, 2002 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. JOHN KLEIN has arranged a program by Dr. WARD CHAMBERS to tell about his recent humanitarian trip to Afghanistan. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available before the meeting that starts at 7:20 a.m. This is a good opportunity to bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the Last Club meeting on there were 24 members and two guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL STEPHENS offered the prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER. The 50/50 was awarded to MILLI HARVEY. Second week in a row the person drawing the ticket was the winner.

Pres. GARY felt a little guilty for not showing up at the Cub Scout activity last Thursday, especially since they showed up at his front door singing Christmas carols. So, he put the first dollar in the Youth Fund. The recent birthday of Kathy Schmitt was recognized. For this she put in a dollar, also. GENE GRELL put in two dollars for not singing birthday greetings to him. Some thought it was worth more than that. There was a nice mug left at the last Club meeting. BILL S. paid a dollar to reclaim it. He almost left two cups at this meeting.

Thanks to BOB HIBBARD, JOHN KLEIN, LARRY KRAMER, and TERESA FAHRENKRUG for helping the Cub Scouts with Community Christmas tree decorations and Christmas caroling. About two dozen Cubs and several parents participated.

Pres. GARY pointed out the need to improve the signs along Highway 92 at each entrance to Treynor. Ideas are being solicited.

GENE G. reminded members that the Elementary School Christmas program is this Thursday evening. Several members have volunteered to help usher in the high school auditorium. Remember to wear an Optimist shirt or vest.

The next can and bottle sort is with the Boy Scouts this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

BILL S. reported further discussions with the Extension regarding the Fishing Derby project. He said they will provide most of the instruction, but we might have to limit the size of the group.

Pres. GARY closed the meeting with a remembrance to Pearl Harbor Day by circulating a summary of lowans killed there in 1941 and a synopsis of the attack. JEFF JORGENSEN read a witness account from a sailor who survived the attack of his ship.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING

Eight board members and four additional Club members met for a brief meeting. A check for \$200

P.S. A man was so proud of his fancy new Cadillac that he invited a priest, a minister, and a rabbi to come and bless it. The priest approached the auto, sprinkled holy water over it, and chanted in Latin. The minister invoked the name of the almighty, and led them all in a silent prayer. The rabbi sang a psalm and cut off the end of the tailpipe.

to the Treynor Food Bank was approved. Homecoming parade expenses of \$25 were approved for payment. Plans for the Spaghetti Dinner on Tuesday January 7 were discussed. This is the date of the home basketball games for varsity boys and girls with Griswold teams. Club publicity was discussed. An insert in The Gazette is planned to include the membership roster and a summary programs presented by recent guests. At the Christmas celebration meeting on the 21st there will be a prepared breakfast by Pres. GARY, LARRY, and TERESA. An anonymous gift exchange (\$5 value) is planned for those wanting to participate.

GETTING TO EAGLE

The newest Eagle Scout in Troop 729 is Treynor High School senior Matt Trotter. Scoutmaster Rich Weekly explained there are fourteen active Boy Scouts in the troop and five are in line to earn their Eagle rank in the next couple years. It is not easy for a young man to sort through all the activities that beckon in order to complete the scout Eagle requirements before he reaches the 18 year age limit. Matt has succeeded in realizing an accomplishment that will be recognized throughout his life. Matt explained the service project he organized that is central to the Eagle requirements. This past summer Matt and ten other members of his troop along with several scout fathers worked to clean up the beach area parking lot at the Lake Manawa State Park. Matt had to identify the need and organize the trimming of shrubbery and cleaning off the curbs and pavement. Through his 8-yr scouting experience Matt said he likes camping the best. He, like most dedicated scouts, has learned some campfire cooking skills at the many campouts. Matt said biscuits and gravy are his favorite camp foods.

CALENDAR

- Dec. Can Collections for Boy Scouts**
- Dec. 11 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Elementary School Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Club Meeting, program by Dr. WARD CHAMBERS.
- Dec. 21 Club meeting and Christmas gift exchange, program by Dave and Bev Brandt. A breakfast is planned.
- Dec. 28 Club meeting, program by Jan Williamson
- Jan.-Mar. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee**
- Jan. 7 Spaghetti Supper, Zion.
- Jan. 18 Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby.
- Jan. 20 Zone 4 Meeting, Avoca.
- Feb. 9 2nd Quarter District Conference, Des Moines.

Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL
- 12/7 ZORI ABBOTT
- 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD
- 12/26 MINDI ESLINGER
- 12/31 JEFF NELSON

Anniversaries

- 12/21 WES and PENNY NELSON
- 12/27 GARY GUTTAU
- 12/31 BOB HIBBARD
- # recognized to date.

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