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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 21, 2002 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. JOHN KLEIN has arranged a program by Dave and Bev Brandt to discuss scuba diving for Henry Doorly Zoo. A special breakfast is being planned by Funkhousers, Kramers, and TERESA FAHRENKRUG. Serving will start at 7:15 a.m. This is another good opportunity to bring a potential member guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the Last Club meeting on there were 29 members and 6 guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT offered the prayer. The attendance pot was awarded JERYL UNDERWOOD. The 50/50 was awarded to JERRY HEMPEL.

Guests included JUDY GUTTAU'S mother Ester Frazier of Griswold, and Bob Soloth, Bill Bonar, and Warren Chambers of Treynor.

A birthday greeting was sung to KEVIN UNDERWOOD for which he put a dollar in the Youth Fund. The recent anniversary of WARD and Suzanne CHAMBERS was also recognized for another dollar in the fund.

Treynor High student Honor Band members, Sam Schmidt and Keith Schoening, received a check for \$368.85 for their efforts with the Can Kennel the first half of last month.

Thanks to JOHN K., MILLI, BILL V. JERYL, KEVIN U. and MARSHA UNDERWOOD for helping the Boy Scouts at the last can and bottle sort. The date of the next sorting will be announced when the pickup date is known.

Thanks to GENE GRELL, BOB HIBBARD, BILL VORTHMANN, KEVIN UNDERWOOD, LES and MILLI HARVEY, and LARRY KRAMER for helping to distribute programs and pack the crowd into the Treynor High Gym for the Elementary School Christmas Program.

MICK GUTTAU asked for additional program chairs to fill in the coming year. Thanks to all who signed up. Only months of July through September are still open.

Pres. GARY reminded everyone about the Zone meeting scheduled on January 20 at Avoca. The club with the most members there will win \$50.

JOHN K. stated Treynor High Principal JOEL BOHLKEN has agreed to allow a trial of the fund raising idea using paper airplanes at a basket ball game halftime. Details need to be coordinated with other group activities.

Pres. GARY announced the 25th annual Iowa Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership seminar for high school sophomores is scheduled June 13-15, 2003 at Graceland College. He asked the Club to consider sponsorship of a student from Treynor.

Pres. GARY reminded everyone of the special Christmas breakfast meeting next Saturday. Guests are welcome. There will be a gift exchange during a recitation of 'The Night Before Christmas' among those who bring a gift of about \$5 value. New member inductions are also planned along with an interesting program.

P.S. A man walks out of a bar and sees a bum panhandling on the corner. And the bum says, "Mister, do you have a dollar you could spare?" The man thinks about the question for a bit and asked the bum, "If I give you a dollar, are you going to use it to buy liquor?" "No," says the bum. The man then asks the bum, "If I give you a dollar, are you going to use it for gambling?" Again the bum says "No." So the man says to the bum, "Do you mind coming home with me so I can show my wife what happens to someone who doesn't drink or gamble?"

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Dr. WARD CHAMBERS serves as Campus Executive Director for Community and Multicultural Affairs at the College of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha. In October he visited Afghanistan as part of a US AID program to assist with the health information systems development there. He visited the medical school in Kabul, lectured students, and provided medical services to patients. In Afghanistan, Dr. CHAMBERS, explained health care and the availability of hospitals, doctors, and nurses are extremely limited. The major proportion of medical services is concentrated in Kabul, but the main 1000 bed hospital is damaged by recent war battles and is not usable. Many rural areas do not have hospitals or doctors, only 1 doctor per 450,000 population. There is no welfare system provided by the state, and the care and tending of the wounded from a generation of warfare, particularly the many thousands maimed by the vast number of land mines still found in the country, is a major social problem. Afghanistan is about 4.5 times the size of Iowa, Dr. CHAMBERS, noted, with a population of about 22 million. There are about 2 million in Kabul. Many Afghans are returning since the end of recent civil wars, and much rebuilding is evident Dr. CHAMBERS stated. The wars that have gone on for many generations have been politically motivated by the geographic location of Afghanistan on ancient trade routes between the middle east and Asia and the control of Khyber Pass, a major gateway to the Indian Subcontinent. Dr. CHAMBERS noted that most Afghans like Americans and want to learn English. The warlords of rural sections of the country are present obstacles to peace and rebuilding of Afghanistan. Dr. CHAMBERS has created a Foundation to accept donations to send medical books to Afghanistan.

CALENDAR

Dec. Can Collections for Boy Scouts

- Dec. 21 Club meeting, program by Dave and Bev Brandt. Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. A gift exchange is planned.
- Dec. 28 Club meeting, program by Jan Williamson on animal conservation.

Jan.-Mar. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

- Jan. 4 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Board meeting.
- Jan. 7 Spaghetti Supper, Zion.
- Jan. 18 Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby.
- Jan. 20 Zone 4 Meeting, Avoca.
- Feb. 8 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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