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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning February 22, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. CHAD GUTTAU has invited Hershel Reed to speak of the Council Bluffs YMCA program and plans. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available before the meeting, which starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

**REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING**

At the last Club meeting on Feb 8 there were 16 members present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to RUSS HENDRIX, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to BILL VORTHMANN. MIKE ABBOTT, RICHARD VORTHMANN, BOB HIBBARD, KEVIN UNDERWOOD, and LARRY KRAMER were attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Iowa District Optimist Conference in Des Moines.

There were a number of occasions for member contributions to the Youth Fund. ARLYN NORRIS put in a dollar for his wife's birthday. That was a good reason for a contribution even though it was the first time (We usually don't ask about age). GEORGE SCHNEIDER had a new grandson, Logan William Young, so he proudly put a dollar in the fund. He also announced his grand daughter, Megan Young, is on a study trip to Europe. (a future program?). WES NELSON announced he had changed realty companies and is now representing Lake Shore Realty in Council Bluffs. That only cost him a dollar. BILL STEPHENS added a dollar for his success in toy wagon sales at a recent show at the Living History Farm near Des Moines. GERAND FORRISTALL put in a dollar to brag about his grandson's receiving an athletic scholarship at Morningside College. JIM CLAUSEN noted that he made a contribution to the Youth Fund at the previous Club meeting related to his son making the school honor roll.

TIM GREINER announced there were 35 youth who participated in the recent Treynor Swim Days.

Pres. GARY thanked CATHY SCHMITT and BILL S. for helping to judge the Treynor school Invention Convention entries.

Pres. GARY noted the Treynor Jazz Choir and Jazz Band each received a one rating at the recent state competition.

The next can and bottle sorting with the After-the-Prom Committee is scheduled on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

After the next Club meeting there will be a brief planning meeting of the Horse Show Committee. If you want to participate, plan to be there, otherwise call LARRY.

[Editor note: A snow storm cancelled the TWA activity on February 14 and the Club meeting on February 15. The TWA paper airplane fund raiser sponsored by the Junior Optimists and our Club is rescheduled to the boy's

P.S.

The lawyer is painting his house, and a hobo comes around and asks if there is anything he can do to earn a few dollars. The lawyer says, "Sure, take a can of this paint and go around to the back of the house and paint my porch."

The hobo does this and fifteen minutes later comes back and says he's finished. The lawyer says, "Already?"

And the hobo says, "Yeah, but it isn't a Porsche, it's a Mercedes!"

basketball games with Freemont-Mills on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Some help is needed with sales and supervision]

**REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING.**

At the Board meeting on February 1 there were nine board members plus two Club members present. Secretary/Treasurer RICHARD V. reported assets of about \$6100. New member applications of CHAD GUTTAU and JON JACOBSEN were approved. Expenses for Essay and Oratorical contests and Youth Appreciation Celebration were approved. Expenditures of \$200 to Steve Gilfillan, \$150 to St. Paul Church, and \$40 to Zion Church were approved. The issue of increased meeting facility costs at the Community Service Center was discussed without specific action. The club dues schedule will be reviewed.

**THE FIRST YEAR**

This is the first year at Treynor High School for Principal JOEL BOHLKEN. JOEL spoke highly of the positive impact the community has on the success of Treynor schools. He specifically thanked Club members for helping at school functions and working with the Junior Optimist Club. School administration, JOEL, noted requires more and more paperwork in response to educational mandates from federal and state educational departments. Yet, funding of the new requests is little to none. According to JOEL, the Treynor school enrollment is growing; whereas, 70% of Iowa districts are shrinking. Consequently, there is increasing pressure in Iowa for mergers of school districts. JOEL explained the average class size this year is 46.2 students and next year it will increase by two. A substantial open enrollment influx into the school district has contributed to the student body growth. JOEL noted that 81% of Treynor students participate in extracurricular activities and the average GPA is one half point higher for this group compared to non-participating group. Teacher evaluation and training is a major goal of Iowa education, JOEL explained. The Iowa educational system can be proud of a drop out rate on only 1.7 %, one of the lowest of the states. Also Iowa has one of the highest state rankings of 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading and science education scores.

**CALENDAR**

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

- Feb. 19 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 21 TWA airplane throw at Treynor High basketball game, 6:15 p.m.
- Feb. 22 Club meeting, program on YMCA by Hershel Reed.
- Mar. 1 Club meeting, program TBA, Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Mar. 8 Club meeting, program TBA.

**Birthdays**

- 2/5 LARRY KRAMER#,      2/11 ROGER VORTHMANN
- 2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN    2/13 ED UNDERWOOD#

**Anniversaries**

- 2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL#    2/6 JON JACOBSEN
  - 2/9 DAN SCHNEPEL    2/23 RICHARD VORTHMANN
- # recognized to date.

Thanks to BILL VORTHMANN for meeting notes.

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