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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning March 8, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. KEITH DENTON has arranged for Scott McMullen to speak. 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 there were 28 members and three guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was collected by ARLYN. The 50/50 was awarded to BILL VORTHMANN.

We welcomed Bill Stupfell and Bernard and Carolyn Bryant as guests.

A special thanks to Georgia Denton for preparing breakfast casseroles enjoyed by all.

Birthday greetings were sung to JERYL UNDERWOOD, his 80th. He put a dollar in the Youth Fund for that along with another dollar to celebrate a casino winning. Pres. GARY also added a dollar as he was quoted in the news. He noted the membership promotion flyer was circulated in the recent issue of The Gazette. Since everyone's picture or name was mentioned in it, a quarter contribution to the Youth fund was solicited from all members by Pres. GARY.

Pres. GARY had two tickets to the home and garden show at the MidAmerica Convention Center to give away. RICHARD VORTHMANN was the lucky winner.

JOHN KLEIN announced the next can and bottle sorting would be Wednesday at 6 p.m. It's nearly full, so several workers are needed to get it done in short order.

BILL STEPHENS announced plans for the new youth fishing project for 4th and 5th graders were nearly complete. The I.S.U. Extension staff will present the scope of the project at a Club meeting on the 15th. Fishing derby prizes and being arranged along with an outing at Arrowhead Lake.

JOHN K. noted he had an Arbor Day tree planting project proposal for the Treynor school Board to approve.

JOHN K. also reported on an effort to organize a final social event for the Treynor community at the American Legion Post building before it is torn down this spring. He is meeting with the organizing committee to work out details. The next meeting is Friday the 7th. The event, planned for April 5, will also be a fund raiser for furnishings for the new Community Service Center under construction.

The Baby Sitting Clinic for 5th graders is being planned for the Month of April, JOHN K noted. Our Club with the help of the Treynor Junior Women will supervise the Clinic that will be taught by Mary Kouris of the West Pott. Extension staff. Four class periods are planned after school on Tuesday, April 8, 15, 22, and 29. There is no P.S.

The lawyer is cross-examining the doctor about whether he checked the pulse of the deceased before he signed the death certificate.

"No," he said, "I didn't check his pulse."

"And did you listen for a heartbeat?" said the lawyer.

"No, I did not," said the doctor.

"So," said the lawyer, "when you signed the death certificate, you had not taken the steps to make sure he was dead."

And the doctor said, "Well, let me put it this way. The man's brain was in a jar on my desk, but for all I know he could be out practicing law somewhere."

cost to students. If you know a 5th grader who would like to be a 'certified baby sitter', let them know about the opportunity coming up.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING

Pres. GARY called the meeting of the Board of Directors with eight Board members and three other Club members present. Secretary/Treasurer RICHARD reported club assets of about \$5400 including over \$1000 for pass-through can redemptions. Motion was approved for \$45 copying expense to Treynor Schools. Motion was approved for \$50 contribution to Emily Haferbier for attendance at cheer leaders camp. Follow up to the new member promotion was discussed.

HOW HIGH CAN YOUR MULE JUMP?

Bernard Bryant may not be a true 'mule skinner', but he certainly can tell you about being skinned by a mule. Bernard amused Club members about his 30+ years working with mules-buying, trading, training, hunting, and vacationing with mules. It wasn't clear why Bernard began working with mules; it probably stems from his experiences growing up on a farm. Mules are a cross of a male donkey with female horse. Mules are known for their working ability and their sense of self-preservation that is more highly regarded than that for horses. Bernard described how mules could be trained to jump fences. A good jumper, Bernard noted, might clear a 60-inch fence, although the mule might be only a little over 50 inches tall at the shoulders. A practical reason for the mule to jump fences is so he can be ridden to hunt, and Bernard has had a lot of experience hunting raccoons at night with a mule and dogs. According to Bernard, mules never trust you, they just agree! There were a couple of times, Bernard noted, that he and his mule didn't get along-or agree. Bernard found himself on the ground with a few cracked or broken bones during those times.

CALENDAR

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

- Mar. 5 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 8 Club meeting, program by Scott McMullen.
- Mar. 10 Public meeting about Elementary School expansion at high school, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 15 Club meeting, program by Geri VonStein, ISU Extension.
- Mar. 20 Club Oratorical Contest.
- Mar. 22 Club meeting, program by Charles Leaders.
- Mar. 25 Election for school expansion financing authority.
- Mar. 29 Club meeting, program TBA.

Birthdays

- 3/2 JERYL UNDERWOOD#, 3/2 WARD CHAMBERS
- 3/8 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 3/11 KENNETH GRAHAM
- 3/20 JON JACOBSEN

Anniversaries

- 3 /4 GENE SERAN, 3/8 KEITH DENTON
- 3/15 JEFF NELSON
- # recognized to date.

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