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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning March 22, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. KEITH DENTON has arranged for Charles Leaders, a collector of Minneapolis-Moline tractors, to speak about the Carstens Memorial Farm. 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 two guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL STEPHENS led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to MILLI HARVEY. The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN SCHMITT.

We welcomed ED UNDERWOOD'S son Gary from Florida and speaker Tom Jensen as guests.

VIRGIL HOLST contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund in recognition of his great grandson's birth, his 11<sup>th</sup> grandchild.

MILLI announced she had her table reservations full for the Theme Luncheon on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Pres. GARY announced the Underwood Club is having a 20-yr celebration on May 10 at Tish's in Council Bluffs.

JOHN KLEIN announced the next can and bottle sorting would be this Wednesday at 6 p.m. There is a pen full to be sorted and sacked, so extra hands are needed. JOHN stated we had redeemed the equivalent of 35 miles of cans from Can Kennel collections the past three years with a value of over \$22,000.

LES HARVEY brought the newsletter advertisements to everyone's attention and thanked LARRY KRAMER for formatting the newsletter. Thanks to LES for selling the advertisements.

JOHN K. announced that we would handle the funds for the 'Last Dance' activity at the American Legion Post on April 5. GARY GUTTAU, BILL S., and BOB HIBBARD will serve as a finance committee. Help from several other Club members is needed to collect the free will offering during the evening. A supper, program, and dance is planned.

JOHN reminded all about the Baby Sitting Clinic starting April 8 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students or older. There are four sessions after school on Tuesdays in the high school study hall. This is a joint project between our club and the Junior Treynor Women with instruction provided by Mary Kouris from the West Pott. County Extension Service.

The Junior Treynor Women are sponsoring a rummage sale fund raiser during the morning of April 12. They are accepting contributions the evening before after 6:30 p.m.

LARRY announced an organization meeting for the Horse Show was held last Saturday. LES, GARY G., BILL VORTHMANN, and RICHARD VORTHMANN are going to head up some of the preparations before the show that is scheduled June 15 at Malvern.

JOHN K. said a plan for Arbor Day tree planting had been approved by the School Board. JOHN is seeking funding for the trees, mulch, and support posts. He is also working on a schedule with KEVIN ELWOOD for planting with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The trees will be planted at the west end of the track/football field.

MIKE ABBOTT is loading up his van for the trip to the Optimist International President's Visit at Amana Holiday Inn on April 12. Let RICHARD know before the end of the

P.S. A girl brought her new boyfriend home to meet her parents and they were horrified by his greasy hair, tattoos, dirty language, and air of hostility. After he left, the mother said, "Dear, he doesn't seem like a very nice person." And the daughter said, "Mother, if he wasn't a nice person, why would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"

month so you can get the advanced registration rate of \$24. Awards and recognitions for last Optimist year and this year to date will be presented.

Pres. GARY said he was going to organize a social event for our Club members and significant others.

TIM GREINER suggested Club members show support for the upcoming School Bond Issue vote. Pres. GARY asked V. Pres. BILL S. to preside over the deliberations. After some discussion a motion was approved to purchase advertisements in the local papers. Member contributions were collected to pay for the ads.

**GO FISH**

Tom Jensen, Director of the West Pott. County office of the Iowa State University Extension Service, spoke to Club members about the Fish Iowa program and how to conduct a project to get kids fishing. He was speaking on behalf of Geri VonStein, who was called out of town by death of a family member. Tom explained the Fish Iowa program is a joint effort of Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Extension Service. He noted that we already had discussions with Geri and were committed to conducting a Fish Iowa program for local youth. The Iowa DNR has an extensive curriculum that requires about 15 hours of class room instruction, Tom noted, for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade levels. The instruction covers all aspects of fishing skills including tackle, baiting hooks with live bait, where to find fish, etc. Also part of the teaching includes the practice of life skills of teamwork, personal safety, making observations, planning, and leadership. Tom explained there is a lot of interaction planned in the program among the youth, older youth who assist, and adults. A couple of lake outings are planned and a Fishing Derby wraps up project. Tom said it is time to get started. Fishing time is getting close.

**CALENDAR**

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

- Mar. 19 Can Kennel, 6 p.m.
- Mar. 22 Club meeting, program by Charles Leaders.
- Mar. 22 Ottumwa Optimist Club charter dinner.
- Mar. 25 Election for school expansion financing authority.
- Mar. 27 Club Oratorical Contest, High School Auditorium, 8:30 a.m.
- Mar. 29 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 29 Theme Luncheon at Treynor High, 11:30 a.m.

**Apr. Can Collections for Cheer Leaders**

- Apr. 5 Club meeting, program by Gina Fricke. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Apr. 5 Highway cleanup with Junior Optimists, 9:30 a.m.
- Apr. 5 "Last Dance" at Legion Hall, 6 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Club meeting, program by Iowa State legislators Gerald Jones and Richard Houser.
- Apr. 12 Optimist International President's visit to Iowa, Amana Holiday Inn, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Junior Treynor Women rummage sale, Elementary School, 8 a.m.-12N.
- Apr. 19 Club meeting, program by Iowa District Governor Dale Robertson.
- Apr. 22 Highway clean up with the Cub Scouts.

**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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