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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning April 19, 2003 at Treynor High School. Iowa District Governor Dale Robertson from Underwood will be the program speaker. Ask him about his new grand daughter and other 'babies' he is delighted about. The meeting starts at 7:20. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 30 members and six guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. MIKE ABBOTT led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to BILL MATTHEW, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to MIKE, again!

Thanks to LuEtta and Ann Vorthmann and Lillie Schneider for helping prepare breakfast. Thanks also to RICHARD, ROGER, and GEORGE for helping them. KEITH DENTON introduced his guest Mark Oman. State Senator Hubert Houser and Representative Gerald Jones were guest speakers.

Many contributions to the Youth Fund were collected from members with students on the honor roll and National Honor Society. JERYL UNDERWOOD has a new grandson. WES NELSON'S daughter won the 5th grade oratorical contest. LES HARVEY was in the news for his work with the Elk's Free Throwing Competition. Also the 59th wedding anniversary of GEORGE and Lillie was recognized.

GARY GUTTAU reported the Last Dance event at the Legion served over 300 and had net receipts of over \$1600 to go toward the cost of tables and chairs for the new Community Service Center.

BILL STEPHENS announced the second event date for the Fish Iowa project had to be changed. The Fishing Derby at Lake Arrowhead is now scheduled on May 17. The first event date is May 3.

KEVIN ELWOOD circulated a sign-up sheet for the annual Bike Safety Day at the elementary school. It is scheduled after school on Wednesday May 14. Many helpers are needed for this event, so put it on your calendar.

Pres. GARY reminded everyone that reservations for the Optimist Dinner at Tish's are needed at the next Club meeting. JUDY GUTTAU has made the arrangements for the dinner at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23. Dinner menu choices need to be paid in advance by April 19 (no refunds after the 21st). Note the following menu choices: roast beef dinner, \$14.95; fried shrimp dinner, \$16.50; boneless chick breast, \$14.75; 8 oz. salmon dinner, \$17.50; or 8 oz. rib eye steak dinner, \$18.75. Price includes drink, tax, and gratuity. If you want to carpool, meet at St. Paul Lutheran Church at 6 PM.

JOHN KLEIN reminded everyone of the Arbor Day tree-planting project with the 5th grade. Eleven evergreen trees will be planted on the west end of the football field. Holes are to be dug by Club members on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. The trees will be planted on Monday at 10:30 p.m.

Pres. GARY noted the track meet postponed from last week is rescheduled to Monday at 4 p.m. A few gate workers are needed.

JOHN KLEIN announced the next can and bottle sorting will be with the Treynor Cheer Leaders on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

P.S. The girl's father had a serious talk with her boyfriend. "I've made my final decision," the father began. "I don't want my daughter dependent on a hopeless idiot for the rest of her life." "Of course not, sir," the boyfriend said, "Then I take it we have your consent?"

LES HARVEY has scheduled a Scholarship Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. at St. Pauls.

Pres. GARY reminded all to bring stuffed animals for the Junior Optimist project during the month of April. They will be given to Emergency Services and local hospital children's wards.

REPORT OF LAST BOARD MEETING

Eight board members and two Club members attended the recent Board meeting. S/T RICHARD reported Club assets of about \$4700. A committee to select the Club scholarships was appointed. Two applications for use of the Can Kennel were reviewed. The Treynor Church's Youth Concert project was given the month of Sept this year. The After-the-Prom committee for 2004 was given the month of December. A new member application of Brian Beebe sponsored by BOB HIBBARD was approved. The Board agreed to a contribution to the Optimist International Foundation of \$5 per member. Pres. GARY will appoint a committee of past presidents to determine nominees for officers for 2003-2004.

HOLDING THE LINE ON TAXES

Iowa State Representative Gerald Jones and Senator Hubert Houser reviewed many of the challenges facing the legislature to find the funding for ongoing and proposed programs. The choices are finding more revenue or cutting program spending. As a member of the Human Services Appropriation Committee, Representative Jones noted the aging population of Iowa and the relative low federal funding of Medicare. Senator Houser expressed that there is a general feeling that program restrictions are more acceptable now in view of the lower revenue income during this recessionary period. A major question is to how the stimulate the growth of the economy in Iowa. An issue of general agreement is to avoid raising taxes.

CALENDAR

- April Can Collections for Cheer Leaders**
 Apr. 16 Can and bottle sorting, 5:30 p.m.
 Apr. 19 Club meeting at High School, program by Iowa District Governor Dale Robertson.
 Apr. 21 Track meet, 4:30 p.m.
 Apr. 22 Highway clean up with the Cub Scouts (rain date-4/29).
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 Apr. 23 Club Dinner at Tish's, 6:30 p.m.
 Apr. 26 Club meeting, program by Jay Thornton, IA DOT.
 Apr. 26 Zone Oratorical Contest, Griswold, 10 a.m.
 Apr. 30 Can and bottle sorting, 5:30 p.m.
- May Can Collections for Optimist Scholarships**
 May 1 Zone meeting, Underwood, 7 p.m.
 May 3 1st Fish Iowa session, Elementary School, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 May 4 Youth Appreciation Celebration, 6 p.m.
 May 10 20th Anniversary Underwood Optimists.
 May 14 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 3:30 p.m.
 May 17 3rd Quarter Iowa District Conference, Des Moines.
 May 17 2nd Fish Iowa session, Lake Arrowhead, 9 a.m.-2p.m.
- Birthdays**
 4/4 CHRIS ESLINGER, 4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS,
 4/28 GENE SERAN, 4/29 MIKE ABBOTT,
 4/30 BILL MATTHEW
- Anniversaries**
 4/4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT#, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN#,
 4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER#, 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG#
 # recognized to date.

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