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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning May 24, 2003 at St. Paul's Church. LES HARVEY has arranged for Beverly Schnepel to bring us up to date on issues supported by the Farm Bureau. The meeting starts at 7:20. Invite a guest.

**REPORT OF PAST CLUB MEETINGS**

At the May 10 Club meeting there were 25 members and five guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. WES NELSON led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to LES HARVEY The 50/50 was awarded to LARRY KRAMER.

KEITH DENTON introduced guests Ron, Lynn, and Quentin Stortenbecker. Pres. GARY introduced Patti Reichter representing the Junior Treynor Women. LES HARVEY introduced Jeff Casey, program speaker.

Birthday greetings were sung to KEITH for which he cheerfully put a dollar in the Youth Fund. He also put in another dollar (more cheerfully) in recognition of his daughter Eva who graduated from Creighton University. Several other members put a dollar or two in the fund for bragging rights—JOHN KLEIN for a photo in the news and his son's new job, MARK OMAN for his son's achievement in long jump, Pres.GARY for a photo in the news, JERRY HEMPEL for school board publicity, and JIM CLAUSEN for getting JOHN K. to mop up after the Youth Celebration Dinner.

Pres. GARY inducted MARK OMAN as our newest Club member. Give him an Optimist welcome.

BILL STEPHENS said 26 youth were expected at the second session of the Fish Iowa Day project at Lake Arrowhead on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

LES reported that Isaac Schmidt of Treynor would be representing the western Iowa region at the Iowa District Optimist Oratorical finals in Des Moines on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

LES also thanked everyone who helped make the Youth Appreciation Celebration Dinner successful. Special thanks to LES for making the arrangements.

JOHN K noted we would be doing the can and bottle sorting after the Bike Safety Day event (the event was postponed to the 20<sup>th</sup> due to a rain storm).

JOHN K announced a new tree would be planted Monday in front of the Elementary School.

Patti Reichter described some of the activities of the Junior Treynor Women organization and proposed that her group and the Optimist Club work together on more community projects. Pres. GARY selected a committee of MILLI HARVEY, TERESA FAHRENKRUG, and BOB HIBBARD to develop a plan of cooperative efforts by September. JOHN K. noted we need to change the softball challenge/picnic activity we have had with the Junior Treynor Women to a different format. Ideas are solicited.

Quentin Stortenbecker, a senior at Treynor High, has been selected to participate in the Southwest Iowa All Star Basketball Camp at Central College in Pella Iowa in early June. Club members approved \$50 toward his expenses.

P.S. Steve and his dad got into one of their verbal wars again at the dinner table. "When George Washington was your age," the father told his son, "he was already a surveyor and earning good money."  
"So what?" Steve replied sharply. "When he was your age, he was president of the United States."

At the Club meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> there were 17 members and one guest present. RICHARD VORTHMANN, LARRY, and LES and MILLI were attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Iowa District meeting. Several other members were involved with the Iowa Fish Day project. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. CATHY SCHMITT led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JERYL UNDERWOOD and the 50/50 was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER.

A "Thank-you" note was circulated from Roger Jensen, spring athletic director, for Optimist help with the gate at home track meets.

JERRY, GERALD FORRISTALL and Pres. GARY each contributed dollars to the Youth Fund for news coverage and family youth accomplishments.

Thanks to JOHN K, LES, MILLI, JERYL, RICHARD, BOB, LARRY, BILL VORTHMANN, VIRGIL HOLST, KEVIN and MARSHA UNDERWOOD for helping at the recent can and bottle sorting.

Pres.-elect JERRY asked for a volunteer to be Club Secretary. MIKE ABBOTT has agreed to be Treasurer next year.

GARY GUTTAU introduced his guest Araltan Menelzheyere from Russia. Araltan is an interpreter accompanying a delegation from Russia to study methods to reduce substance and physical abuse in their country. Araltan learned English while a high school exchange student in Michigan. He is currently studying to be a lawyer, a new need in Russia in the current more democratic environment.

**BASEBALL COACH PRESENTS PLAN**

Jeff Casey is the new Treynor High School baseball coach. Starting this season he plans to develop a conference winning team, something not achieved by the Treynor teams for many years. Jeff explained he has learned a great deal during his coaching experiences at Central College, and from associations with notable coaches. Jeff stated he had a four point coaching plan which starts with a vision of building the baseball program from Little League players to high school. He has a five-year strategic plan to develop more high school players. Jeff expressed his desire to coach with a passion and invite his players to feel the same way about playing. Finally, Jeff explained he teaches the methods and techniques of baseball according to how team members best learn the skills. Through this plan Jeff expects both fun and victory in Treynor baseball this season.

**CALENDAR**

**May Can Collections for Optimist Scholarships  
May is hat/bandanna collection month for Camp Quality**

- May 24 Club meeting, program by Beverly Schnepel.
- May 28 Can Kennel Activity, 7 p.m.
- May 31 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jun. 7 Club meeting, program TBA, followed by Board meeting.
- June 15 SISCO Horse Show, Malvern, 9 – 5.
- Aug 23 Treynor Days.

**Birthdays**

5/11 KEITH DENTON#

**Anniversaries**

5/13 CHRIS and MINDI ESLINGER

5/29 BILL MATTHEW

# recognized to date.

Thanks to Pres. Gary for 5/17 meeting notes.  
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