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F R I E N D O F Y O U T H

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning June 7, 2003 at St. Paul's Church. A Board meeting will follow the Club meeting. GEORGE SCHNEIDER is lining up a program speaker. The meeting starts at 7:20. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF PAST CLUB MEETINGS

At the May 24 Club meeting there were 31 members and five guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL STEPHENS led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JEFF JORGENSEN, but he couldn't collect. The 50/50 was awarded to GARY GUTTAU.

There were many accomplishments to recognize to the benefit of the Youth Fund. BILL VORTHMAN'S daughter graduated from I.S.U. JERRY HEMPEL'S son, and GEORGE SCHNEIDER'S grandson graduated from Treynor H.S. GERALD FORRISTALL'S grandson graduated from Riverside H.S. Other accomplishments: JOHN KLEIN noted his son attended church in Rome in the audience of the Pope, TIM GREINER'S son received an award for American History achievements, and KEITH DENTON'S family photo was in the paper. MIKE ABBOTT announced plans for a tour to New York City in October through Four Corners Travel. Each of the above contributed a dollar to the Fund. Additionally, GARY G. put in a dollar because JERRY'S son qualified for the state golf competition.

S/T RICHARD VORTHMANN presented a certificate to Pres. GARY from the Iowa District recognizing the highest point count of larger Iowa clubs for the Awards and Achievement competition for the 2nd Quarter.

BILL S. reported on the successful Fish Iowa Day last weekend at Lake Arrowhead. Twenty-five 4th, 5th, and 6th grade youth participated in the day-long event and each caught a fish. Seventy-five fish in total were caught. Chris Larson of the IA Dept. of Natural Resources helped identify fish and demonstrated cleaning. Dave Fischer, Park Ranger for Pott. Co. Conservation Board, presented safety, rules, equipment, and baiting information. TIM cooked fish for all to sample. Wal-Mart and Zebco provided prizes to youth. GARY and CHAD G, VIRGIL HOLST, BOB HIBBARD, and WES NELSON also assisted with the event.

Amanda Jensen and Danni Greiner reported on their experiences with the last S.W. IA Honor Choir tour to New York. The next tour is June of 2004 and participants are applying to use the Can Kennel for financial support.

At the May 31 Club meeting there were 28 members present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. KATHY SCHMITT led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to RUSS HENDRIX. The 50/50 was awarded to JIM CLAUSEN.

The wedding anniversary of ARLYN NORRIS in early June was recognized. Also, his son is soon to be married. For the recognition and announcement ARLYN contributed two dollars the Youth Fund. GERALD FORRISTALL put in a dollar to announce his grandson was participating in the state track finals. TIM and VIRGIL T were in the news, so each put a dollar in the fund.

MICK GUTTAU reported on a visit with JUDY to the recent graduation ceremonies at the Air Force Academy.

There were over 900 graduates and 70% are headed to flight school, MICK noted. It was an emotional and thrilling experience for MICK and JUDY.

Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, GARY and CHAD, RICHARD, LARRY KRAMER, and MARSHA, KEVIN, and JERYL UNDERWOOD for diligent efforts at the last can and bottle sorting. There were an unusually large number of glass bottles this time.

A thank-you note was circulated from 7th grader Isaac Schmidt for our sponsorship of him in the Iowa District Oratorical Contest. Although Isaac did not win among other older contestants (a sophomore won), his presentation brought forth many accolades from those in attendance. Thanks to LES for coaching Isaac and for organizing the local competition.

MILLI HARVEY noted she had applied the new banner patches to our Club Award banner.

LARRY circulated a task sign-up sheet for the upcoming Horse Show.

Pres. GARY announced a Board meeting after the next Club meeting. Newly elected Board members are invited to attend.

PROMOTING FARM FACTS

Beverly Schnepel has been a leader in the women's efforts in the Iowa Farm Bureau for many years. For eight years she was the Iowa State Chair. Currently she is West Pott. County Chair. Beverly explained the many themes and projects selected for emphasis by FB members. They include among others the market basket price survey, wellness and safety programs, agriculture in the classroom, and legislative workshops. Beverly noted that each generation is farther from producing food and education about agriculture is needed for greater appreciation and understanding by all.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE BURMA SHAVE SIGNS?

LES commented on the value of Burma Shave signs along the countryside roads from their beginning in 1926 to their peak in 1963. In the early days LES noted there wasn't much to see along the road but the agricultural scenery. LES said his brothers and sisters read the signs out loud as they passed them while riding in the family Model T. Humor was an early theme of the signs even though they were advertisements. Other themes were used such as romantic, safety, and competition. The humor theme was considered to have psychological benefits. Perhaps if we could bring the Burma Shave signs back, we could minimize some of the 'road rage' of today.

CALENDAR

June Can Collections for T. H. S. Dance Team

- Jun. 7 Club meeting, program TBA, followed by Board meeting.
June 14 Club meeting, program TBA.
June 15 SISCO Horse Show, Mills Co. Fair Ground, Malvern, 9 - 5.
June 21 Club meeting, program TBA.
July 13-16 O.I. Convention, Kansas City, MO.
Aug 6-10 IA District Convention, Coralville, IA.
Aug 23 Treynor Days.

Birthdays

- 6/9 LES HARVEY, 6/20 DAN SCHNEPEL, 6/20 JEFF JORGENSEN, 6/22 KEVIN ELWOOD, 6/27 BILL STEPHENS

Anniversaries

- 6/1 KEVIN ELWOOD, 6/3 ARLYN NORRIS#, 6/15 STEVE CHAMBERS, 6/26 LARRY KRAMER, 6/28 MICK and JUDY GUTTAU, # recognized to date.

P.S. Old Dobbin----Reads These Signs----Each Day----You See, He Gets----His Corn That Way.----Burma-Shave

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2002-2003

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