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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 13, 2003 at the Treynor Community Center. LES HARVEY has arranged for the program to be presented by the Treynor School Administrators, Superintendent KEVIN ELWOOD, and Principals JOEL BOHLKEN and TIM LARSEN. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 24 members and one guest present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JEFF JORGENSEN, but he couldn't collect. The 50/50 was awarded to MARSHA UNDERWOOD.

Birthday greetings were sung to KEVIN UNDERWOOD for which he put a dollar in the Youth Fund. LES added a couple dollars in recognition of his and MILLI'S 53 anniversary. MIKE ABBOTT added a couple of dollars for ZORI'S birthday, noting that it is in January, not December. JIM CLAUSEN was embarrassed into contributing a dollar (You'll have to ask him). A contribution of a couple dollars for the Youth Fund was received from Maureen Olsen, Editor of The Gazette, with a thank you note to LES. LES sent a letter to The Gazette thanking the staff for the extraordinary special edition publication of photos and news copy regarding the Treynor football team and state championship games.

JEFF J. auctioned some items for the dues account. There was active bidding for two certificates from RUSK Foods, one for two steaks and another for four steaks.

Thanks to LES and MILLI, JOHN KLEIN, GARY FUNKHOUSER, GENE GRELL, and LARRY KRAMER for helping the Boy couts finish up their can and bottle sorting. The next sorting will be with the After-the-Prom Committee on the 17th at 7 p.m.

Pres. JERRY asked for volunteers for a committee to study the fund raising proposal offered by JOHN SCHMITT.

TERESA FAHRENKRUG noted the Treynor Junior Women needed a volunteer to take photos during Santa's Visit on the 13th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. LES and Pres. JERRY said they would help with the task. TERESA said they also needed to borrow a large stuffed chair for Santa. Let her know if you have one to offer for the occasion.

LES asked for volunteers to help pass out programs and usher at the Treynor Elementary School Christmas Program on Monday the 8th at 6:20 p.m. LARRY and BOB HIBBARD said they would be there.

LES circulated photos taken at the breakfast for the football team and other photos taken at the state champion game. He noted the coaches and players were very appreciative of our efforts.

Eleven of twelve Board members met to discuss Club business items. A motion offered by LARRY and seconded by GENE G. was approved to support the Treynor youth participation in the HOBY Leadership Seminars at \$150. There was agreement to conduct the annual Spaghetti Supper on December 19 at Zion R/E Building. Treas. MIKE reported that club assets were about \$6400, noting annual membership dues had been

P.S. Patient: How much to have this tooth pulled?

Dentist: Ninety dollars.

Patient: Ninety dollars for just a few minutes' work?

Dentist: I can do it slower if you like.

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prepaid by many members. MIKE asked for comments on a proposal to create a 'supporting membership' class for those who cannot participate in club youth and community service projects, but still support our Club efforts. MIKE also expressed the need for better accounting of can and bottle redemption volume when the sorting is accomplished. GARY F. announced an agreement on the use of the Treynor Community Center for Club meetings and activities was approved by the City Council. LARRY suggested a proposal to form a hospitality committee to facilitate conducting club meetings in the Community Center. Pres. JERRY appointed V. Pres. GARY GUTTAU as committee chair. JEFF J. suggested a 'White Elephant Gift Auction' the last Saturday in January (31st) to supplement the dues account. Additional details will be developed.

FINDING A GOOD DOCTOR

Dr. Alan Kricsfeld of Council Bluffs is a doctor's son. He said he didn't start out to be a doctor. He started studies in English literature, but gravitated to science and then to medical studies. Dr. Kricsfeld is now practicing in internal medicine at Diagnostic and Internal Medicine Associates, PC in partnership with his father. The road to becoming a doctor is a long one, Dr. Kricsfeld noted, as the average age in his medical school classes was 32. After course work some specialty areas such as neurosurgery require as much as 10-yr of residency. After his residency, Dr. Kricsfeld explained his father had the best offer to practice medicine with him in Council Bluffs. It is relatively difficult to attract doctors to practice in Council Bluffs. Dr. Kricsfeld fielded many questions about his work and the state of medical services in general. He noted the popular TV program ER is technically correct in many ways, but the drama, excitement, and speed of treatment is not representative of real ER experience. There is a love-hate relationship between doctors and pharmaceutical representatives, Dr. Kricsfeld explained. While the reps are a bother-perhaps 7 to 20 per day, they bring the latest drugs and drug information and leave samples. How do you know who is going to be a good doctor? Dr. Kricsfeld answered by saying you don't know until the doctor has been in practice a while.

CALENDAR

Dec. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

Dec. 13 Club meeting, program by KEVIN ELWOOD, JOEL BOHLKEN, and TIM LARSEN.

Dec. 17 Can and bottle sorting, 7 p.m.

Dec. 19 Spaghetti Supper, Zion Church.

Dec. 20 Club meeting, program by Kati Knowles

Dec. 27 Club meeting, program by Pauline and Ron Longnecker.

Jan. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

Birthdays

12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL#, 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD#, 12/26 MINDI ESLINGER, 12/31 JEFF NELSON, 1/5 ZORI ABBOTT#, 1/20 PENNY NELSON, 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT

Anniversaries

12/21 WES NELSON, 12/21 PENNY NELSON, 12/27 GARY GUTTAU, 12/31 BOB HIBBARD # recognized to date.

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