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FRIDAY OF YOUTH

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning April 10, 2003 at the Treynor Community Center. RICHARD VORTHMANN has arranged a program by Pott. Co. Sheriff Jeff Danker. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 30 members and two guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to GARY GUTTAU (here we go again!). The 50/50 was awarded to LuEtta Vorthmann, RICHARD'S guest.

RICHARD also introduced another guest, his granddaughter, Erica Vorthmann.

It was noted that Pres. JERRY and MIKE ABBOTT'S names were in the papers the past week. For this each contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund. RICHARD added a dollar for inadvertently advertising ROGER VORTHMANN'S cattle business during his program introduction.

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the "Join Hands Day" project is planned for May 1. On this day adults and youth will join to brighten up the TRA Pool facilities with a new coat of paint. The Octagon club and other youth groups are invited to join together on community projects. If the group is large enough, other tasks such as painting flag poles and park equipment will be planned, also.

MILLI HARVEY reported the After-the-Prom Theme Luncheon was very successful. Thirty-two Optimist members and guests participated. Special thanks to MILLI for organizing our participation. Thanks, also, to MARSHA UNDERWOOD, CATHY SCHMITT, and Barbara Hempel for hosting tables.

MIKE ABBOTT reported results from the recent playground equipment funding meeting. A Park Festival is planned on August 21-22 as a fund raising event. The Park Festival committee is open to any ideas to enhance the festival experience. All local groups are invited to participate by offering unique food or entertainment. MIKE noted LARRY KRAMER agreed to head up the Optimist food tent.

MIKE also reminded everyone the Treynor mascot bird needs a name. An effort is underway for the community to name the cardinal that represents Treynor. STEVE IRVIN noted the high school cardinal was named "Red Flyer". MIKE said for a dollar anyone could submit a name and the name with the most votes (dollars) would be selected for the town cardinal. Ballot boxes have been distributed to local businesses. Alternatively, a name can be sent directly to MIKE.

TERESA FAHRENKRUG reminded everyone that the Highway 92 cleanup with the Cub Scouts is planned on the 15th after school.

LES HARVEY announced that the 2004 Youth Appreciation Celebration is planned May 2 at Zion Church. Mark your calendars to join in this recognition of community youth.

LES also noted the Club Oratorical contest is Wednesday the 14th in the high school auditorium at 1

p.m. The Zone contest will be conducted in Treynor on the 17th. Treas. MIKE ABBOTT reminded all that 3rd quarter dues are due.

BOB HIBBARD announced that some helpers are needed at the track meet Monday afternoon to park vehicles.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned a leather office manager's chair provided by Office Depot of Council Bluffs to spirited bidding. VIRGIL HOLST may be our most elderly member, but he must have some plans for the new chair.

BEEFING UP THE BEEF IN BRAZIL

ROGER VORTHMANN serves on the board of directors of the North American Limousin Foundation, which oversees the registration of this beef breed. He recently accompanied a small group to Brazil to examine their beef production and discuss issues regarding the addition of Limousin beef characteristics to their native beef. ROGER explained the group visited the northern region around Londrina, Brazil. Here there are large ranch holdings on land cleared from the edge of the jungle which are producing primarily Nelori' beef cattle. The area is tropical, so insects, mainly flies and ticks and diseases associated with them, are a big problem. The native Nelori' cattle are white and nearly hairless which makes them well adapted to the climate. However, these cattle are not heavy meat producers compared to most North American breeds. ROGER explained that through embryo transplant the Limousin and Nelori' cross breed cattle are being produced to evaluate the potential for greater beef production in Brazil. Just a one half cross can produce 6% greater carcass dress weight, ROGER noted.

CALENDAR

April Can Collections for Music Boosters

- Apr. 10 Club meeting, program by Sheriff Jeff Danker.
- Apr. 14 Club Oratorical contest, Treynor High School Auditorium, 1 p.m.
- Apr. 14 Can and bottle sorting.
- Apr. 15 Highway cleanup with Cub Scouts after school, 4 p.m.
- Apr. 17 Club meeting, program by Iowa DNR Officer, Doug Clayton.
- Apr. 17 Zone Oratorical contest, St. Paul's Lutheran Church Library, 10 a.m.
- Apr. 19 Zone 4 meeting, Underwood, UMBA Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 24 Club meeting, program by Iowa Congressmen, Gerald Jones and Hubert Houser.
- Apr. 25 Playground funding meeting.
- Apr. 28 Can and bottle sorting.

May Can Collections for Optimist Scholarships

- May 1 'Join Hands Day', Treynor youth and adult work day, 10 a.m.
- May 1. Regional Oratorical Contest, Wilson Jr. High, 10 a.m.
- May 2 Youth Appreciation Celebration, Zion Church, 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 3rd Quarter Iowa District Conference, District Oratorical Contest, Des Moines.

Birthdays

- 4/14 GARY GUTTAU, 4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS, 4/28 GENE SERAN, 4/29 MIKE ABBOTT

Anniversaries

- 4/4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN, 4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG

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P.S. The determined angler staggered up to the counter with an armload of the latest gear. As the cashier was ringing up the total, which came to several hundred dollars, the angler commented, "You know, you could save me an awful lot of money if you would just start selling fish here."