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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning August 7, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL is arranged for Treynor Football Coach Steve Owens to speak. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 22 members and one guest present. LARRY KRAMER was attending the Iowa District Optimist Convention in Des Moines. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to KELLY SUTHERLAND, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to MIKE ABBOTT.

Pres. JERRY added a dollar to the Youth Fund in recognition of his daughter winning top prize with her dog at Westfair. TERESA FAHRENKRUG announced her son, Brandon, and friends had the Treynor team demolition car ready for the derby at Westfair.

Pres. JERRY announced that Vicki Dowling and a committee were seeking all old issues of the Treynor Record newspaper that might be found around the community. They plan to convert the newspaper issues to electronic media for preservation and access by the public. The committee is seeking grants and sponsors to pay for the activity. The Club agreed to be listed as a sponsor. The issue will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Thanks to MARSHA, JERYL, and KEVIN UNDERWOOD, and GARY FUNKHOUSER for helping with the Can Kennel last week. LES and MILLI HARVEY retrieved about 300 items from the collection receptacle at East Park. LES noted that this is the third time this month the receptacle there has been filled with recyclables.

Thanks to LARRY, LES, MILLI, KEVIN U., JERYL, GARY F., KATHY SCHMITT, BILL MATTHEW, BOB HIBBARD, KEITH DENTON, and RICHARD and BILL VORTHMANN for working the gates at Westfair Thursday afternoon last week. Thursday has been Optimist Club service day at Westfair for several years. The Underwood club works at the gates in the morning and the Westend Council Bluffs club works in the evening. While this service project is outside the Treynor community, it is good public relations for our club

Pres. JERRY and Club members recognized CHAD GUTTAU for his splendid efforts arranging Club meeting programs in July.

PROMOTING ARTS--THE SOUL OF THE COMMUNITY

Laural Ronk is Executive Director of the Bluffs Arts Council (BAC) which was organized in 1982. Laural's work is governed by a 24-member Board of Directors and is funded by membership dues, gifts, and grants. As a former school principal and teacher she has a serious interest in promoting arts. Laural explained that she is assisted by many volunteers who help her schedule and promote BAC activities. The mission of BAC is to act as a catalyst for broadening knowledge, participation, appreciation, and enjoyment of all arts by all people. An important goal for Laural is to reach out to local communities around Council Bluffs and assist in promoting the arts in those communities. Laural suggested she could help with grant writing for arts projects and help with scheduling programs such as music concerts. BAC has initiated several programs and experienced growth in furthering the arts through a wide variety of projects and programs during its existence. Examples of some projects are: Youth Art Month in March, IWCC Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, Renaissance Faire of the Midlands, Annual Summer Arts Series in Bayliss Park, Annual Holiday Concert, Ruth Anne Dodge Memorial Restoration, Lincoln Memorial Restoration, and Autumn in the Bluffs. Laural explained BAC also publishes a quarterly Community Arts Calendar of BAC and other area arts programs. While there is some coordination with the Omaha Arts Council, Laural noted, more cooperation might lead to better promotion of events scheduled by each arts council.

CALENDAR

Aug. Can Collections for Cub Scouts

- Aug. 7 Club meeting, program by Steve Owens.
- Aug. 11 Can and bottle sorting.
- Aug. 14 Club meeting, program TBA. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Aug. 21 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Aug. 22 Horse Show, Malvern.
- Aug. 28 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Sep. 1 Can and bottle sorting

September Can Collections for Treynor Dance Team

- Oct. 3 Club 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Birthdays

- 8/11 CHAD GUTTAU, 8/23 JUDY GUTTAU

Anniversaries

- 8/9 TIM GREINER, 8/13 JERRY HEMPEL
- 8/25 GARY FUNKHOUSER
- # recognized to date

P.S. In a certain suburban neighborhood, there were two brothers, eight and ten years old, who were exceedingly mischievous. What ever went wrong in the neighborhood was usually traced back to them. Their parent were at wits' end trying to control and after hearing about a priest nearby who worked with delinquent boys, the mother suggested to the father that they ask the priest for help.

The mother went to the priest and he agreed to her request, but wanted to see the youngest son first and alone. So the mother sent him to the priest.

The priest sat the boy across from the huge, impressive desk he sat behind. For about 5 minutes they just sat and stared at each other. Finally, the priest pointed his forefinger at the boy and asked, "Where is God?" The boy looked under the desk, in the corners of the room, all around, but said nothing. Again louder, the priest pointed at the boy and asked, "Where is God?" Again the boy looked all around but said nothing. A third time, in a louder, firmer voice, the priest leaned far across the desk and put his forefinger almost to the boy's nose, and asked, "Where is God?"

The boy panicked and ran all the way home. Finding his older brother, he dragged him upstairs to their room and into their closet, where they usually plotted their mischief and said, "We are in big trouble!" The older boy asked, "What do you mean, big trouble?" His brother replied, "God is missing and they think we did it!"

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