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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned at 7:20 a.m. Saturday morning October 28, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. JOHN KLEIN has invited Treynor Football Coach Steve Owens to speak. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 10/28 there were 26 members and three guests present. President GARY GUTTAU opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL VORTHMANN offered a devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to program speaker Gregory Minter and he contributed it to the Endowment. The attendance pot was awarded to CARL GARAFFA, but it was not collected.

Guests in addition to the program speaker included Cub Scout leader Sharon Jones, cub scout Travis Manzer and Lillie Schneider.

The Club Scout organization was present to receive a check for their work at the Can Kennel in September. Treasurer JEFF JORGENSEN presented them a check in the amount of \$645.90. JORGENSEN noted the Cub Pack was planning to try out their new Pinewood Derby track with a running of an 'Old Timer's Derby' when adults can run their older pinewood derby cars. The date will be announced.

There were numerous contributions to the Youth Fund from St. Louis Cardinal fans. LARRY KRAMER, STEVE IRVIN, RICH VORTHMANN, DENNIS WHITE, JIM CLAUSEN, JERYL UNDERWOOD, KEITH DENTON, and JOHN SCHMITT each submitted a dollar for the team World Series Championship. JOHN KLEIN added a dollar in recognition of STEVE IRVIN'S great effort helping the Treynor Girls Volleyball team. WHITE contributed another dollar for his anniversary, and BILL VORTHMANN contributed a couple dollars for his birth day recognition.

Pres. GUTTAU circulated a couple of thank-you notes. One was from the St. Paul Lutheran Youth for our help at their recent Youth Road Rally. The other was from the Treynor Cheerleaders for use of the Can Kennel.

The last home football game of the season was last Friday. Thanks to Pres. GUTTAU, JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT, BOB HIBBARD, DALE WILLENBORG, and LARRY KRAMER for helping at the gate and with parking.

Pres. GUTTAU announced a Board meeting after the next Club meeting.

The next can and bottle sorting with the Silver-Keg Feeders 4-H club is this Wednesday November 1 at 6 p.m.

IMMIGRATION TODAY AND TOMORROW

Attorney Gregory Minter from Omaha, NE is very knowledgeable on immigration law and is a member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Minter presented an outline of the very complicated process of immigrating to the U.S. He noted the distinction between immigration and visiting. To immigrate is to come to with

P.S. Three international crews were competing for a contract with the telephone company. In order to select the most qualified, the phone company instructed each crew go out to a different section of the line route to see how many telephone poles they could set in one day. At the end of the day the German crew reported thirty-five poles to the phone company official, who was very impressed. "Good, but not good enough," he told the Italians, who had installed thirty-two. "Well?" he asked the Iranian crew. "Two," said the foreman proudly. "So why are you so proud of yourself? Those guys did thirty-five and those did thirty-two," he said, pointing to the other crews. "Yeah," said the foreman, "but look how much they left sticking out of the ground."

intention to stay. Any non-citizen has to obtain a visa for permission to enter our country for a period of time. Visas are of two types, nonimmigrant visa (just coming for a while-for work, education, visit, etc.) and immigrant visa (coming to stay). Visas are issued at U. S. Consulates located in the country of origin of persons coming to the U.S. Minter noted the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) processes visa applications in the U.S. There is another agency, The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) which is the law enforcement agency. And, there is the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency that looks for illegal entry of persons and goods. All these agencies are under the Homeland Security Department.

Minter explained there are many different classes of visas, depending on the purpose and status of the applicant. Some are family based, some are employment based, and some are general for education and short visits. Visas can have restrictions on the annual number issued, the country of origin of the applicant, and the duration in the U.S. depending on the visa class, Minter noted. Minter is a member of the National Visa Advocacy Committee which addresses the criteria for restrictions for visas. A visa is the first step to U.S. obtaining citizenship. According to Minter the general attitude today is 'we don't want anyone unless they contribute to our way of life' contrary to the message on the Statute of Liberty. We have about 12 million illegal 'visitors' here now and we can't send them back. Minter emphasized we need to educate them and their children so they can be successful. Minter doesn't expect any actions from Congress until 2007 when requirements for employment verification and penalties for hiring unauthorized workers will be increased. There might be a guest worker program established that does not lead to citizenship. Minter noted we need more specialized occupation visas and employment-based permanent resident visas to meet the needs of education and industry for workers of legal status.

CALENDAR

October Can Collections for Silver-Keg 4-H Club

Nov. 1 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

November Can Collections for Honor Band.

Nov. 4 Club meeting, program by Steve Owens.
Board meeting after the Club meeting.

Nov. 11 Club meeting, program TBA.

Nov. 15 Can and bottle sorting.

December Can Collections for Honor Band.

Birthdays

11/8 MICK GUTTAU, 11/25 KATHY SCHMITT

Anniversaries

11/22 LES & MILLI HARVEY, 11/22 JOHN KLEIN
11/25 WARD CHAMBERS, 11/27 ROCKY SAAR
recognized to date

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