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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, December 12, 1998 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, donuts, and fellowship. JIM CLAUSEN has arranged for a program by Gail Hartigan, girl's sports coach at Treynor High School. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were twenty-one members and one guest present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to KENNETH GRAHAM, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to MARSHA UNDERWOOD.

Late 39th anniversary greetings were given to BILL STEPHENS who recently returned from travels across the southwest U.S. including Abilene, Texas where he and Melva were married. BILL noted they traveled over 6000 miles with their new travel trailer. JIM CLAUSEN suggested BILL would not have had to travel so far if he knew where he was going. Wonder how many miles JIM has under his belt?

The editor was reminded about the characteristics of different evergreen trees. Turns out the Community Christmas Tree is a blue spruce not a Scotch pine. He paid a quarter for the education.

Several other quarters were collected for the youth fund from members without Optimist pins.

DOREEN MAYBERRY stated ED UNDERWOOD is back in the hospital to clear up fluid in his lungs. ROGER TREDE is reported to be making slow progress at the hospital recovering from infection.

KEVIN shared a letter of invitation from the Council Bluffs Optimist Club, our sponsoring club, to attend their 40th anniversary celebration January 9. Ask KEVIN about reservations. Should be a big party.

VIRGIL HOLST and MARSHA volunteered to setup the Christmas Food Baskets project.

RICHARD VORTHMANN, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, and LARRY KRAMER are working on details for the Spaghetti Dinner scheduled the 18th at Zion. Plan to help a little, eat a lot, and invite your friends and neighbors to come. The dinner will precede the basketball game with Riverside at the high school.

You will note the new advertisements on the back of the Newsletter. Thanks to LES we have renewed eleven previous sponsors and added five new sponsors. Be sure you thank these Club supporters whenever you can.

Reminder: Additional Christmas tree decorating with the Cub Scout Pack will be Thursday evening.

RULES, RULES, WHOSE GOT THE RULES?

Coach Jerry Christensen spoke about the new season just starting for boy's basketball at Treynor Junior/Senior High School. This year's varsity squad of thirty has ten freshman, nine sophomores, and the remainder juniors and seniors. Treynor is the only 1A school in the local conference, Jerry noted. Each year the competition classifications are reevaluated for all Iowa schools for each sport and music program. Student enrollment is a primary factor in relation to other schools participating in the activities for the class determination. Jerry explained a few basketball game rule changes regarding floor positions for foul shooting and goal backboard dimensions. Variance of rules for boys and girls games were the issue of a lively interchange. Jerry explained the different governing groups responsible for the rule determinations.

Jerry is looking forward to the completion of the new gym addition to the high school. It should be available next school year. Currently, there are so many groups using the present gym, Jerry explained, that basketball practice time is very limited. The gym is used very early and late in the day.

CALENDAR

- Dec. 10 Christmas Tree decorating by Cub Scouts. 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 12 Club meeting, program by Gail Hartigan.
- Dec. 14 Board Meeting.
- Dec. 18 Spaghetti Dinner, Zion Church, 5-7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Dec. 26 **No Club meeting.**
- Jan. 2 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jan. 9 Council Bluffs Club 40th Anniversary.

BIRTHDAYS none
 ANNIVERSARIES none

P.S. A Russian track coach, interviewed by an American sportswriter, was asked why the Soviets are now producing such fast runners.
 "It's really quite simple," the coach replied. "We use real bullets in our starting guns."

FRIENDS OF YOUTH