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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 28, 2002 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. JOHN KLEIN has arranged a program by Jan Williamson, Henry Doorly Zoo DNA specialists, working to conserve wildlife species. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available before the meeting that starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the Last Club meeting on there were 23 members and 5 guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL STEPHENS offered the prayer. The attendance pot was awarded TIM GREINER, but he couldn't claim it because he wasn't at the previous meeting. The 50/50 was awarded to DALLAS WHITNEY

In addition to our program speakers, LuEtta Vorthmann, Julia Funkhouser, and Sharon Kramer were guests.

Pres. GARY led the new member induction oath for DALLAS, and. PENNY NELSON. DALLAS was sponsored by JOHN KLEIN, and PENNY was sponsored by WES NELSON. We welcome PENNY and DALLAS to our Club.

The wedding anniversary of WES and PENNEY was recognized as WES put a couple dollars in the Youth Fund. WES tried to explain the happenings on their wedding day, but PENNY had a better story to tell. Ask her about washing the car before the ceremony. Makes you think twice about scheduling a December wedding.

JOHN K. noted the conflict of the holidays with the Can Kennel pickup schedule this month. There will be no sorting this week. Either the evening of the 1st or the morning of the 2nd of January is being considered for the last sorting for the Boy Scouts. Incidentally, thanks to TIM for helping at the last sorting.

LES HARVEY circulated photos of examples of signage used at several towns which showed the various organizations operating in the towns. A student design competition was suggested for signage at the entrances of Treynor. Let Pres. GARY know if you would like to work on a committee to pursue this project.

LES noted that he attended the recent D.A.R.E. graduation of 5th grade Treynor students. He said it was the 13th year of the program for Treynor. He suggested the Club offer more support for this very positive program for youth.

Thanks to Funkhousers, Kramers, and TERESA FAHRENKRUG for setting up, preparing, and serving the Christmas breakfast enjoyed by all.

A Christmas gift exchange was accomplished by a reading of 'The Night Before Christmas' by TERESA F. At each occurrence of the word 'the' in the poem, gifts were exchanged. After the final 'the,' gifts were opened. Ask MILLI HARVEY about the special gift she received.

P.S. A man buys a parrot and brings him home. But the parrot starts cursing him and using terrible language and insulting his wife. So finally the man picks up the parrot and puts him in the freezer to teach him a lesson. He hears the parrot squawking and screaming in there quite a while, and then all of a sudden the parrot is quiet. When the man opens the freezer door, the parrot walks out, looks up to him and says, "I apologize for offending you, and I humbly ask for your forgiveness." The man says, "Well, thank you, I forgive you." And the parrot says, "If you don't mind my asking, what did the turkey do?"

D E G H I J K L

DIVING AT THE ZOO

Dave and Bev Brandt of rural Council Bluffs are certified scuba divers. This allows them to pursue their volunteer efforts at Henry Doorly Zoo where they help take care of the octopus and anemones by feeding, and cleaning their display tanks. Dave said he has been certified for scuba diving since 1975 and Bev has been certified since 1985. They are among the 165 divers who help take care of all the aquatic life at the zoo. Bev explained that they sometimes work with the sharks and larger fish in the aquarium tank, which contains 400,000 gallons of filtered and conditioned water on display, and a like amount in the rest of the water system. Collecting shark eggs is an interesting experience, Bev noted, as the sharks keep a close eye on the process, although they are not aggressive or possessive in any way. Dave explained they volunteer 3-4 hours each week for routine and non-routine duties and enjoy their roles caring for the aquatic life.

O P Q R T V W Y

CALENDAR

Dec. Can Collections for Boy Scouts

- Dec. 28 Club meeting, program by Jan Williamson on animal conservation.
- Jan. 2 Can and bottle sorting with Scouts in a.m?
- Jan.-Mar. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee**
- Jan. 4 Club meeting, program by armed services recruiter Tim James.
Board meeting.
- Jan. 7 Spaghetti Supper, Zion.
- Jan. 11 Club meeting, program by Jennie Kannedy on O. I. Childhood Cancer Campaign.
- Jan. 18 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jan. 18 Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby.
- Jan. 20 Zone 4 Meeting, Avoca.
- Jan. 25 Club Meeting, program by police officer Dan Clark
- Feb. 1 Club Meeting, program by Honor Band participants at Fiesta Bowl.
- Feb. 8 2nd Quarter District Conference, Des Moines.

Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL
- 12/7 ZORI ABBOTT
- 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD#
- 12/26 MINDI ESLINGER
- 12/31 JEFF NELSON

Anniversaries

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

Merry Christmas to All

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