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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 4, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. LARRY KRAMER has arranged for Tim James to explain the current armed forces recruitment program. 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 24 members and 3 guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT offered the prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to KEVIN ELWOOD, but it was not claimed. The 50/50 was awarded to JERYL UNDERWOOD.

TERESA FARHENKRUG introduced her mother, Phyllis Hempill as guest.

The 36th anniversary of BOB and Jean HIBBARD was recognized as BOB put a dollar in the Youth Fund. BOB said it all started out on a blind date. Happy 12th Birthday was sung to our young guest Heather Williamson, daughter of our program speaker Jan. Pres. GARY put a dollar in the Fund for calling for an anniversary greeting in error.

Heather, a 5th grader at Lewis and Clark Elementary School in Council Bluffs, is one of thirty nine 5th and 6th graders selected from the area to participate in the Student Ambassador program of People-to-People. Heather explained the group is going to spend two weeks in June next year in the Grand Canyon region learning about the area and interacting with the residents there. Heather asked for support for her trip expenses. Pres. GARY has than on the agenda at the Board meeting following the next Club meeting.

JOHN KLEIN announced the can and bottle sorting would be Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

JOHN also announced the new funding raising project of throwing paper airplanes at a target on the gym floor has the approval of the Treynor principal JOEL BOHLKEN. JOHN also indicated the Junior Optimist are going to help with the project which will be done within a 5 minute period during a basket ball game halftime. JOHN is looking for prize sponsors. Let him know of your suggestions.

Junior Optimist Club Advisor GENE SERAN announced that the Junior Optimists had achieved honor club recognition for their first year of activity. He noted they have 29 members at present. GENE indicated he would like to step down as advisor, so let him know if you are interested. Incidentally, the advisor does not have to be a Club member.

RICHARD VORTHMANN circulated a sign-up sheet for contributions of pies for the Spaghetti Dinner coming up next week. Reserve Tuesday January 7 to help out at Zion Church before the basketball games with Griswold.

P.S. A statistician is someone who is good with numbers but lacks the personality to be an accountant. An accountant is someone who solves a problem you didn't know you had in a way you don't understand. A psychologist is a man who, when a beautiful woman enters the room, watches everyone else. A professor is someone who talks in someone else's sleep. A schoolteacher is a woman who used to think she liked small children. A consultant is someone who takes the watch off your wrist to tell you the time.

Pres. GARY announced a decision about the use of the proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner would be made at the upcoming Board meeting.

Pres. GARY circulated a thank-you card and note from Camp Quality Heartland. They were very appreciative of the Club contribution of \$100 to their summer camp program for children with cancer and their siblings.

SORTING OUT THE LEMUR RELATIVES

Jan Williamson works as a DNA Sequencer at the Henry Doorly Zoo. There she is involved with a project at the Center for Conservation Research to study the genetics of lemurs to prevent their extinction. Jan explained she spent a month in the island country of Madagascar to obtain DNA samples from many of the numerous species of lemurs found only in this part of the world. In this country with population pressure and serious deforestation, Jan noted, the future survival of lemurs is threatened. Madagascar is an interesting tropical area isolated from the African continent that has unique animal life evolution. The lemur is a primate that is lower on the evolutionary scale and less intelligent than the monkey. Jan explained lemurs are docile animals that are most active at night and sleep during the day. It is never quiet at night in the jungle, Jan noted. Jan said there are over fifty species of lemurs in Madagascar, so sorting out the genetic relations between species s a large task. She has over 1000 DNA samples to correlate at present. By relating the species to the environment in which they are found, the major risks and factors for their survival will be understood and hopefully their extinction will be prevented. Jan has worked five years at the zoo, which is involved with about 80 other projects concerned with animal conservation around the world. Jan noted that Henry Doorly is one of the best zoo facilities in the world to study DNA sequencing.

CALENDAR

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, serving 5 to 7 p.m.
- Jan. 11 Club meeting, program by Jennie Kannedy on O. I. Childhood Cancer Campaign.
- Jan. 18 Club meeting, program by Steve Gilfillan on the D.A.R.E. program
- 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

1/24 JOHN SCHMITT

Anniversaries

NONE

recognized to date.

Happy New Year to All

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