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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 11, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. LARRY KRAMER has arranged for Jennie Kennedy to discuss the Childhood Cancer Campaign being supported by Optimist International and clubs across the nation. 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 20 members and 4 guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL VORTHMANN offered the prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JERYL UNDERWOOD. The 50/50 was awarded to DALLAS WHITNEY.

It seems that BOB HIBBARD was informed he was off a year on his anniversary as he stated it last week. He put another dollar in the Youth Fund to get it straight at 37 years. It's always confusing when you get married on the last day of the year.

GARY GUTTAU put in a dollar to recognize his anniversary of last month. Actually, he put in two so that we didn't have to sing to him. There were a lot of styrofoam cups in use, so a bunch of quarters were collected for the Youth Fund. WES NELSON passed out magnetized calendars for everyone, but they had his name on them (Key Realty), so it cost him a dollar.

JOHN KLEIN introduced his brother Alan visiting from Missouri.

GEORGE SCHNEIDER introduced Pastor Arlyn Norris as his guest. Arlyn is minister of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and turned in a Club membership application.

Pres. GARY welcomed Junior Optimist President Anna Fischer. Anna and JOHN K. teamed up to discuss the new fund raising project. At the basketball game on January 17 there will be an airplane toss at targets on the basketball court. The paper to make the airplane cost a dollar. The proceeds will be given to the Dustin Bryant fund. Dustin is a Treynor senior battling leukemia. JOHN said he has prizes from Wal-Mart and Fazoli's Restaurant for three persons who land their airplanes closest to the target. The Junior Optimists will conduct the fundraiser with assistance from Club members.

Pres. GARY administered the membership oath to GARY G. to welcome him as the 48th Club member. GARY G. was sponsored by BOB. If you haven't already, give GARY G. an Optimist welcome.

Thanks to JOHN K, BOB, TERESA FAHRENKRUG, and LES and MILLI HARVEY for helping the Boy Scouts with the last can and bottle sorting.

RICHARD VORTHMANN reminded everyone about the Spaghetti Dinner being served to the community at Zion church this Tuesday. Workers are needed to setup and make preliminary preparations at 9 a.m. Cookers need to start at 3:30 p.m. for serving to start at 5 p.m.

Pres. GARY reminded all about the upcoming Zone 4 meeting in Avoca on the 20th. The club with the highest percent of members present will receive \$50. Lt. Governor MIKE ABBOTT is sure to have in informative agenda.

BILL STEPHENS stated the Fishing School/Derby plans are coming together for this spring. The Extension

P.S. The teacher was trying to impress upon her class the advantages of peace and disarmament. "How many of you object to war?" she asked.

Up went several hands. "OK, Peter, tell us why you object to war," she said.

"Cause wars make history," replied Peter.

Service instructors will probably explain the 15-hr educational program for 4th and 5th graders to Club members in March.

TERESA F. reminded members about the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby coming up on Saturday the 18th. Judges are needed for design and performance. If you are not judging, you can enter a car in the new open class adult division. She has the kits.

REPORT OF THE BOARD MEETING

Eight board members, two Club members, and a Junior Club member meet to discuss Club business items. Secretary/Treas. RICHARD reported Club assets of about \$4800. The airplane toss fund raising project with the Junior Optimists was approved to contribute to the Dustin Bryant Fund. The Spaghetti Dinner proceeds were designated for general Club youth and community projects. A motion by BILL V, seconded by MARSHA UNDERWOOD, was approved to support the \$175 registration cost for a Treynor Sophomore to attend the HOBY Youth Leadership Seminar at Graceland College, June 13-15, 2003. A motion by WES NELSON, seconded by JEFF JORGENSON was approved to contribute \$75 to Heather Williamson for participation in the Student Ambassador program of People-to-People. The membership application of Arlyn Norris was approved. Arlyn is the 50th Club member. JEFF and LARRY KRAMER agreed to complete a membership promotion flyer in the next few weeks. Pres. GARY circulated the program of the next District Conference scheduled February 8 in Des Moines.

CHOOSING THE NATIONAL GUARD

Tim James is a recruiter for the National Guard. Tim and his family have lived in Treynor for about six months. Tim is stationed at the Armory in Council Bluffs and recruits at eleven high schools north of I-80 in western Iowa. He explained that he has been working as a recruiter for the Guard for three years and was an Army recruiter before that. Iowa has many opportunities for young adults to learn job skills during a term in the National Guard, Tim noted, because there are many units stationed in Iowa. Training and education assistance are major benefits offered by the Guard program according to Tim. These benefits can be realized by youth from age 17 to 36. Other motivations for joining the National Guard are adventure and money. Sometimes, Tim noted, he talks to a young person that has a patriotic motivation, but that is rare. There are strict medical qualifications and minimum aptitude standards, Tim explained. Only about 20% of applicants pass the qualifications.

CALENDAR

Jan.-Mar. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

- Jan. 7 Spaghetti Supper, Zion, serving 5 to 7 p.m.
- Jan. 11 Club meeting, program by Jennie Kennedy on O. I. Childhood Cancer Campaign.
- Jan. 15 Can and bottle sorting?
- 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, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 25 Club Meeting, program by police officer Dan Clark
- Jan. 29 Can and bottle sorting?
- 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.

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