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February 3, 2003 Vol. 19 NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning February 8, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. RICHARD VORTHMANN has arranged for Treynor High School Principal JOEL BOHLKENS to speak. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available before the meeting, which starts at. 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETINGS

At the Club meeting on January 25 there were 19 members and 2 guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge and a devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to CRIS ESLINGER, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to GERALD FORRISTALL.

Chad Guttau was again welcomed as guest, and soonto-be new member. BILL VORTHMANN introduced his guest Mark Sornsen.

A birthday greeting was sung to JOHN SCHMITT for which he put a dollar in the Youth Fund.

Pres. GARY reported that six Club members attended the recent Zone 4 meeting at Avoca with Lt. Governor MIKE ABBOTT presiding.

Pres. GARY announced the Board meeting would be held after the next Club meeting.

JOHN KLEIN announced the Treynor Swim Day was scheduled on February 2 at Lewis Central Middle School pool. He noted that TIM GREINER has made the arrangements.

Thanks to JOHN K for working with the After-the-Prom group with the last can and bottle sorting in the very frigid weather. JOHN noted they had trouble with the plastic bags splitting in the cold temperature.

Pres. GARY asked for volunteers to help at the State JAZZ and Show Choir event scheduled February 3. (Note this was postponed due to a snowstorm and may be scheduled on the 6th). Let him know if you can help at the high school by selling tickets, monitoring the halls, watching doors, etc.

At the Club meeting on February 1 there were 31 members and 10 guests present. Pres. GARY opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to VIRGIL HOLST. It took him most of the meeting to count it. The 50/50 was awarded to GARY GUTTAU.

Guests in addition to our program speakers included prospective member Craig Korkow; Honor Band student parents Doug Klahn, Debbie and Bob Schmidt, and Jeff Schoening; Boy Scout Troop leader Tom Schnepel and his son Ben, a Tenderfoot scout.

Special thanks to parents of the Honor Band students for preparing breakfast for all in attendance.

Birthday greetings were sung to ED UNDERWOOD and LARRY KRAMER for which they each put a dollar in the Youth Fund. The 55th anniversary of GERALD and Geraldine GFORRISTALL was recognized as GERALD put two dollars in the Fund. There were numerous other causes for Youth Fund contributions. JOHN K. put in a dollar for his picture in Wallace's Farmer magazine, JERRY HEMPEL, TIM GEINER, and RICHARD put in a dollar each for having kids or grandkids on the school honor roll. JUDY GUTTAU put in a dollar for advertising the Book Fair at Treynor State Bank during February. For An Iowa District Award Newsletter good measure Pres. GARY asked all using styrofoam cups to chip in a quarter to the Youth Fund.

LARRY announced the 2003 Horse Show is scheduled through the S.I.S.C.O. organization for June 15. The show will be conducted at the Malvern arena this year. A show committee will meet after the Club meeting on February 15 to discuss details.

LES HARVEY thanked everyone who supported the Treynor Community Forum on Technology, Quality, and Convenience conducted by Jennie Edmundson Hospital. (Our thoughts and prayers go out to LES as his 99 year-old mother is scheduled for surgery Tuesday the 4th) LES reported students at Treynor are working on essays for the Optimist Essay competition.

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JOHN K. announced the Junior Optimist Club was organizing another benefit with a paper airplane throw at the basketball game on February 14. JOHN said he had lined up several prizes from Wal-Mart and Treynor State Bank. Two targets are planned.

JOHN K circulated a thank you note from Heather Williamson for our support of her trip with People-to-People Youth to Arizona.

RICHARD presented a check for \$607.50 to Tom Schnepel for cans and bottles redeemed for the Boy Scouts last December. Tom noted the troop was growing and the funds would be used for additional equipment and summer camp fee supplements. Ben Schnepel thanked the Club members for their help with the can and bottle sorting.

RICHARD also presented a check to Jeff Schoening for \$199.35 for the remainder of funds earned by the Honor Band which totaled over \$1500 for a three month period

MARCHING A STRAGHT LINE

Treynor students Alex Johnson, Sam Schmidt, and Keith Schoening were accepted by auditions to join 200 other youth from 25 schools in southwest Iowa to make up the 2002 Southwest Iowa Honor Band. This group has a standing invitation to perform at the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona. Alex, Sam, and Keith reported a fun trip full of unique experiences visiting attractions there. Besides fun side trips and parties, they marched for 3 straight miles and played eight songs continuously from start to end. A unique task of the Honor Band is spreading a large American flag across the football field before the start of the game. The Honor Band has the best experience with this and get to do it every time they attend the Fiesta Bowl every other year.

CALENDAR

Jan.-Mar. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee Feb. 5 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

- Feb. 6?State Jazz/Show Choir (postponed from the 3rd).
- Feb. 8 Club meeting, program by JOEL BOHLKENS.
- Feb. 8 2nd Quarter District Conference, Des Moines.
- Feb. 15 Club meeting, program by state legislatures Gerald
- Jones and Richard Houser. Feb. 22 Club meeting, program on YMCA by Hershel Reed.

Birthdays

2/5 LARRY KRAMER#, 2/11 ROGER VORTHMANN 2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN 2/13 ED UNDERWOOD# Anniversaries

2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL# 2/6 JON JACOBSEN 2/9 DAN SCHNEPEL 2/23 RICHARD VORTHMANN # recognized to date.

P.S. Dying man: You know, honey, you've always been with me through all my troubles. Through all my bad times, you've been there. When I got fired, you were there. When my business wet down the toilet, you were there. When I had the heart attack, you were there. When we lost the house, and when I got liver cancer, you were always by my side. You know something?

Dying man: I think you're bad luck.

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