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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning March 1, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran church. Hershel Reed has been rescheduled to speak of the Council Bluffs YMCA youth programs. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available before the meeting, which starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

**REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING**

At the last Club meeting there were 25 members present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL STEPHENS led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was collected by KEITH DENTON. The 50/50 was awarded to BILL S.

Birthday greetings were sung to RICHARD VORTHMANN and Pres. GARY for which they put a dollar in the Youth Fund. LARRY KRAMER also put in a dollar for omitting Pres. GARY'S name from the February list in the Newsletter. February is also RICHARD'S anniversary month so he put another dollar in. He recounted the first time he dated LuEtta during a blizzard. It was noted that MIKE ABBOTT was on TV recently. That cost him a dollar. Also, he got to say a word about being a partner in Four Corners Travel and the great tours being planned. All this for only another dollar to the Youth Fund.

Pres. GARY led the new member induction for CHAD GUTTAU. GARY GUTTAU is CHAD'S sponsor. Give CHAD a hearty new member welcome.

JOHN KLEIN announced the recent TWA airplane contest at the basketball game half time Friday resulted in over \$400 for the Jones family. Wal-Mart contributed \$100 in gift certificates and Treynor State Bank contributed \$100 in beef certificates as prizes for the contest that was conducted by the Junior Optimist Club. There were eight winners at the contest. Special thanks to JOHN for lining up the prizes and supervising the project. BOB HIBBARD and LARRY also helped sell airplane papers.

Pres. GARY announced the Club member promotion insert would be circulated in The Gazette this coming week. Share it with your friends and neighbors and invite them to a Club meeting.

LES HARVEY stated that 48 7<sup>th</sup> graders would be starting on their work for the Optimist Oratorical Contest this week. Ten boys and 10 girls will be selected for the Club contest on March 20. Also, the Optimist Essay entry representing our Club is being sent in for the District competition.

Thanks to JOHN K, LES and MILLI HARVEY, BOB H, and BILL S. for helping at the recent can and bottle sorting. JOHN K. noted the need to complete the expansion of the Can Kennel as soon as weather permits and materials can be gathered.

P.S.

Four people were riding in a train coach. A woman and her beautiful nineteen-year-old daughter were on one side, and facing them were an army general and his escort, an army private. The train enters a tunnel, and the cabin becomes dark. A kiss is heard, followed by a slap. The mother thinks, "That young man stole a kiss from my daughter, and she rightfully slapped him." The daughter thinks, "That young man tried to kiss me and kissed my mother by mistake and got slapped." The general thinks, "That young man stole a kiss, and I got slapped by mistake." The private thinks, "I'm pretty smart. I kiss the back of my hand and get to hit the general."

JOEL BOHLKEN announced the Red Cross Blood Drive would be held at the Treynor High School east gym on Wednesday, February 26 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VIRGIL HOLST asked about plans for finishing the wooden fence painting. MIKE ABBOTT suggested adding a list of Treynor business. The project committee needs to review the original plans in view of the possible placement of road entry signs at the edges of Treynor on Highway 92 and possibly L55.

**MAKING ROOM FOR MORE**

Treynor Schools Superintendent GARY FUNKHOUSER and School Board Member JERRY HEMPEL spoke about the plans for expanding the Elementary School. The number of students is increasing in the Treynor district, JERRY explained. The current enrollment is about 600 with 325 in the elementary school. JERRY showed a plan for expansion to accommodate three sections of each grade or an enrollment of 450 or more. Besides more class room space, JERRY noted, the expansion plans will add building features to enhance the library resources, vocal and instrument music programs, computer access, assembly space, and physical education. The plan, with an estimated cost is \$3.2 million, will also address additional security issues.

GARY explained financing could come from a couple of sources. Over a third could be paid by revenue bonds paid for by the current sales tax receipts. The remainder would be paid with general obligation bonds through property tax over a 14-yr period. However, GARY noted, the Treynor school district tax levy would still be lower than that for most other Pottawattamie school districts. GARY said a community meeting has been scheduled on Monday March 10 at the high school to discuss the plans with architects and construction manager representatives. There will an election for authorization of bonds to finance the project on March 25.

**CALENDAR**

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

- Mar. 1 Club meeting, program by Hershel Reed, Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Mar. 5 Can and bottle sorting.
- Mar. 8 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 10 Public meeting about Elementary School expansion at high school, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 15 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 20 Club Oratorical Contest.
- Mar. 25 Election for school expansion financing authority.

**Birthdays**

- 3/2 JERYL UNDERWOOD, 3/2 WARD CHAMBERS
- 3/8 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 3/11 KENNETH GRAHAM
- 3/20 JON JACOBSEN

**Anniversaries**

- 3 /4 GENE SERAN, 3/8 KEITH DENTON
- 3/15 JEFF NELSON
- # recognized to date.

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