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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning April 12, 2003 at **Zion Congregational church**. RICHARD VORTHMANN has arranged for Gerald Jones and Hubert Houser to speak about their work at the Iowa Capital. The VORTHMANN family is preparing a breakfast, so get up with the robins and come for breakfast at 7 a.m. The meeting starts at 7:20. Invite a guest.

**REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING**

At the last Club meeting there were 34 members and four guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL VORTHMANN led the devotional prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to TIM GREINER. The 50/50 was awarded to MIKE ABBOTT.

We welcomed guests Alli VanRoekel, youth minister at St Pauls; Esther Fraser, mother of JUDY GUTTAU; Brian Beebe, manager of Blimpie's; and Gina Fricke, program speaker.

Anniversary recognitions were sung to JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT (39 yr.), JIM CLAUSEN (37 yr.), and TERESA FARHENKRUG (17 YR). Each contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund.

Pres. GARY distributed flag decals provided by the Treynor Legion Post. He noted that they also have window stars available to families with members in the armed forces.

Pres. GARY announced meeting location changes for this month. Next week the meeting will be at Zion Congregational Church. The meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> will be at Treynor High School.

LARRY KRAMER described a current project of the Junior Optimists to collect stuffed animals for emergency services and hospital children's wards. Club members are asked to check closets and bring stuffed animals that have been neglected and need a new home to the next two Club meetings.

Pres. GARY asked for help at upcoming track meets to take gate admission. About four persons are needed during a period from about 4:40 to 8 p.m. for meets scheduled on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

LES HARVEY reported results of the Club Oratorical and Essay contests. The oratorical theme was 'United we stand in Optimism.' First place in the Oratorical was awarded to Amy Redfield and to Isaac Schmidt. Second place was awarded to Kristyn Vorthmann and to Ben Hardy. Third place was awarded to Lindsey Wilson and to Jacob Nusser. Joni Bass was awarded first place in the Essay contest, Bryan Leber was awarded third, and Laura Saar was awarded third. The essay theme was 'When Our Freedom is Threatened.' Special thanks to LES and his helpers, KATHY and JOHN, MILLI HARVEY, and Treynor teaching staff for conducting the best club contests in Iowa.

Lt. Governor MIKE ABBOTT announced the next meeting for Zone 4 clubs would be May 1 in Underwood.

BILL STEPHENS stated the Fish Iowa project was planning to include up to 40 youth and begins May 3.

MILLI thanked all who participated in the Theme Luncheon fund raising event for the sophomore class. Club members contributed nearly \$200. Thanks to MILLI

P.S. Three men were sharing their recollections. "When I was a kid," one stated, "we were so poor that when my brother broke his arm we took him to the airport for x-rays." Another stated, "We were so poor, we'd lick stamps for dinner." The third chimed in, "We were so poor, we didn't even use the "o" and the "r"."

for organizing and to KATHY and MARSHA UNDERWOOD for helping and hosting tables.

JUDY GUTTAU announced plans for a Club dinner at Tish's in Council Bluffs, Wednesday, April 23. The meal will be ordered and paid in advance by the 19<sup>th</sup>. JUDY has the menu choices and cost information.

Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, TERESA, BOB, and MARSHA, KEVIN and JERYL UNDERWOOD for working at the last can and bottle sorting. RICHARD announced the accumulative redemptions had exceeded \$23,000 since the Can Kennel was started about three years ago. The Can Kennel has been expanded so that over flow will not be an issue for a while.

**1 800 BETS OFF**

Gina Fricke is a Therapist for the Gambler Assistance Program of Family Service in Council Bluffs. She often gets referrals from the toll free phone number set up for nine southwest Iowa counties for persons who recognize they have a problem with gambling. Gina explained that 7% of the population has an addiction problem that has developed by the gradual increase of time and money spent on gambling. A solution (and prevention) is to limit time and to use only 'disposable' money for gambling. Gina noted that the gambling problem of one person often impacts ten others.

**CALENDAR**

**April Can Collections for Cheer Leaders**

- Apr. 8 1<sup>st</sup> of four weekly Baby Sitting/Child Care training sessions for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, after school.
- Apr. 12 Club meeting, program by Iowa State legislators Gerald Jones and Hubert Houser, Zion Church.
- Apr. 12 Optimist International President's visit to Iowa, Amana Holiday Inn, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 12 Junior Treynor Women rummage sale, Elementary School, 8 a.m.-12N.
- Apr. 13 Prepare holes (11) for the tree planting project.
- Apr. 14 Tree planting project with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, Cardinal Field, 10: a.m.
- Apr. 14 Track meet, 4:30 p.m. (reschedule from 4/8).
- Apr. 16 Can and bottle sorting.
- Apr. 19 Club meeting, program by Iowa District Governor Dale Robertson, High School.
- Apr. 21 Track meet, 4:30 p.m.
- Apr. 22 Highway clean up with the Cub Scouts (rain date-4/29).
- Apr. 22 Track meet, 4:30 p.m.
- Apr. 23 Club Dinner at Tish's, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr. 26 Club meeting, program by Jay Thornton, IA DOT.
- Apr. 26 Zone Oratorical Contest, Griswold, 10 a.m.
- Apr. 30 Can and bottle sorting.

**May Can Collections for Optimist Scholarships**

- May 1 Zone meeting, Underwood, 7 p.m.
- May 3 1<sup>st</sup> Fish Iowa session, Elementary School, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- May 4 Youth Appreciation Celebration, 6 p.m.
- May 10 2<sup>nd</sup> Fish Iowa session, Lake Arrowhead, 9 a.m.-2p.m.
- May 10 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Underwood Optimists.
- May 17 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Iowa District Conference, Des Moines.

**Birthdays**

- 4/4 CHRIS ESLINGER,      4/20 STEVE CHAMBERS,
- 4/28 GENE SERAN,      4/29 MIKE ABBOTT,
- 4/30 BILL MATTHEW

**Anniversaries**

- 4/4 JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT#, 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN#,
- 4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 4/12 TERESA FAHRENKRUG#
- # recognized to date.

**Optimist Dinner April 23 at Tish's, 6:30 p.m.**

**Menu Choices:**

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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. 8 oz rib eye steak                | \$18.75 |
| 2. 8 oz salmon                       | \$17.50 |
| 3. boneless chicken breast with rice | \$14.75 |
| 4. fried shrimp                      | \$16.50 |
| 5. roast beef                        | \$14.95 |

All meals include baked potato (except chicken dinner), green beans, salad, bread/butter, coffee, tea, or soft drink and gratuity.

Give Judy or Pres. Gary your choice with a check by April 19, no refunds after the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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