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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning August 9, 2003 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. JEFF JORGENSEN has arranged for KFAB Radio Personality Roger Olsen to speak. The meeting starts at 7:20. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the Club meeting on 7/26 there were 20 members and two guests present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS offered the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to TIM GREINER, but he couldn't collect. The 50/50 was awarded to JIM CLAUSEN.

CHAD GUTTAU introduced his friend and guest, Todd Putnam. Bill Bonar was also welcomed as a guest.

Birthday greetings were sung to JIM. It was one of those 'big' birthdays. That prompted him to put a dollar in the Youth Fund.

Thanks to LES and MILLI HARVEY, MICK and JUDY GUTTAU, JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT, RICHARD and BILL VORTHMANN, ALLI VANROEKEL, KEITH DENTON, GERALD FORRISTALL, LARRY KRAMER, ARLYN, and Pres. GARY for helping at the WestFair gates.

LARRY explained more about the issues voted upon at the recent Optimist International Convention. There were ten issues voted upon. Some were related to the structure and election of Optimist International (O.I.) Board of Directors, but there were no changes to these proposals. O.I. member dues were increased \$4 and a cost-of-living adjustment was added with an annual cap of 4%. Junior Optimist Octagon International youth members are now official O. I. members. O.I. dues for full-time college students were set at \$5. O.I. will have to determine member eligibility for the student discount of dues.

At the Club meeting on 8/2 there were 27 members and one guest present. Pres. GARY opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT offered the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to VIRGIL and he got to pocket it, although it wasn't too big. The 50/50 was awarded to MILLI HARVEY.

There was lots of bragging about county fair performance of kids and grandkids. WES NELSON noted his daughter had the grand champion market turkey and best of breed rabbit at Westfair. JERRY HEMPEL said he had the WestFair champion apple pie that was auctioned for \$500. RICHARD said his grand daughter had the Reserve Champion beef calf at the Cass Co. Fair. Each put a dollar in the Youth Fund, as did TERESA FAHRENKRUG for mentioning advertisement of Fahrenkrug Oil at the Carson Rodeo arena.

Pres. GARY announced that project reports should be completed for those projects already done this year.

Thanks to Pres. GARY, GENE GRELL, BOB HIBBARD, TERESA FAHRENKRUG, and KEVIN, MARSHA, and JERYL UNDERWOOD for helping the JOOI group with the can and bottle sorting. JERRY noted he had two Can Kennel applications to be approved by the Board.

P.S. Once upon a time there was a beautiful young woman who found a frog in a flooded field. The frog was so grateful he started talking. "I was once a rich politician. Kiss me and I'll turn back into one."

The woman immediately popped the frog into her purse. Why? A talking frog is worth a lot more than a politician.

Pres. GARY announced a Board meeting after the Club meeting on the 9th.

Sec/Treas. RICHARD asked that dues be caught up for the present quarter which is the last of the current Optimist year.

Pres. GARY noted that preparations for Treynor Days need to be initiated. Our club is planning to conduct the Bingo activity and participate in the parade on the 23rd.

THERE'S MORE THAN GOLD IN ALASKA

Pres. GARY and Julia Funkhouser recently took a 'retirement' cruise on a Holland America ship with 1200 other passengers along the inland passage of Alaska from Ketchikan to Anchorage. Gary said it was their first cruise so they were glad it was in relatively calm waters. Inland passage cruises are a major economic impact along the Alaska coast, GARY noted. At each stop shops are opened and tours are arranged regardless of the time and day. The cruise also docked at Juneau, Sitka, Harris, and Seward along the trip up the coastline. The wildlife, glaciers, mountains, recreated native Indian villages, and historic gold mines all contribute to a wonderful and memorable trip, GARY said.

CONTROVERSIES KEEP POLITICIANS BUSY

State Representative Jack Drake, who has been serving in the legislature eleven years, spoke to Club members about some of the issues facing the Iowa legislature. Rep. Drake, a farmer from Lewis, IA, is chair of the Agriculture Committee. That committee is especially concerned about the effects of the Ethanol mandate on agricultural business, and the effects of regulatory rules for concentrated livestock facilities on smaller farm operations. Drake explained that the most challenging work for the legislature is finding a balance of regulation for environmental benefits without adverse economic effects. Drake noted the recent fiscal year for Iowa ended better than expected, so some borrowed funds could be restored. He also noted that Iowa was in better fiscal shape than most states. However, fewer funds are being allocated from the state to local governments. So part of the budget crunch is passed on to our communities.

CALENDAR

Aug. Can Collections for Treynor Music Boosters

- Aug 8-10 IA District Convention, Coralville, IA.
- Aug 9 Club meeting, program by Roger Olson.
- Aug 9 Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Aug 13 Can and bottle sorting.
- Aug 16 Club meeting, program by US Congressman Steve King.
- Aug 23 Club meeting, program by Major Terry McGovern
- Aug 23 Treynor Days, parade and Bingo.
- Aug 27 Can and bottle sorting.
- Aug 30 Club meeting, program by Paul Maginn

Birthdays

- 8/10 DALLAS WHITNEY, 8/11 CHAD GUTTAU,
- 8/16 VIRGIL HOLST, 8/18 ALLI VANROEKEL
- 8/23 JUDY GUTTAU, 8/24 BRIAN BEEBE

Anniversaries

- 8/9 TIM GREINER, 8/13 JERRY HEMPEL
- 8/18 RICHARD SAAR, 8/25 GARY FUNKHOUSER

recognized to date.

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