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FRIDAY OUTPOST

November 18, 2002 Vol. 19 No. 7-8 NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning November 23, 2002 at St. Paul's Church. LES HARVEY has arranged a program by Bonnie Bolte, President of Jenny Edmundson Hospital Auxiliary, and Tara Slevin, Directory of Hospital Volunteer Services. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available before the meeting that starts at 7:20 a.m. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING ON 11/9

At the Club meeting on 11/9 there were 14 members and 2 guests present. V. Pres. MARSHA UNDERWOOD opened the meeting by leading the pledge. RICHARD VORTHMANN offered the prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to JEFF NELSON, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to V. Pres. MARSHA. Birthday greetings were sung to MICK GUTTAU for which he contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund. His earliest remembrance was when he was two and the family home burned down. MICK added another dollar to the Fund for a photo in the paper regarding speaking at the Council Bluffs Veteran's Day Memorial Groundbreaking ceremony. MARSHA said her photo was in the paper also, and contributed a dollar. She never said where she spoke. JUDY GUTTAU introduced her guest, her mother Esther Fraiser of Griswold. TIM GREINER had much to brag about. Not only were his son and daughter on the school honor roll again, but his daughter was selected to Iowa All State Choir. It had been quite a number of years since a Treynor student was selected, so TIM made a \$12 contribution to the Youth Fund. What about the duck hunting, TIM?

BILL STEPHENS brought a special model wagon he constructed for a Toy Show. It was uniquely finished with an Optimist theme as the show was sponsored by the Millard, NE Optimist Club. BILL put a dollar in the Youth Fund for all the advertisement.

Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, BOB HIBBARD, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, BILL S., LES and MILLI HARVEY, and LARRY KRAMER for working at the district playoff football game gate.

BILL S. announced he was acquiring materials for planning a Fishing Derby for youth next Spring. The I.S.U. Extension program calls for 15 hr. of instruction to youth before the main fishing activity. BILL will report more details later.

V. Pres. MARSHA announced she had Optimist bumper stickers available for a dollar.

One of our newest Club members, DALLAS WHITNEY, spoke briefly about his work as a Marine Reservist. He stated he is busy working in support of the 1st Marines Division from a base in California. His duties involve identifying targets for artillery.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING ON 11/16

At the Club meeting on 11/16 there were 22 members and one guest present. Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT offered the prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to TIM GREINER, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to KATHY SCHMITT. Lt. Governor MIKE ABBOTT introduced his guest, Miguel Montanas, who is interested in starting an Optimist Club for the Spanish speaking communities in Omaha. MIKE presented a belated award to JERRY HEMPEL for his work as Finance Chair last year.

P.S. A Texan, a Russian, and a New Yorker went to a restaurant in London, and the waiter said, "Excuse me, but if you order the steak you might not get one, as there is a shortage." The Texan said, "What's a shortage?" The Russian said, "What's a steak?" The New Yorker said, "What's excuse me?"

An Iowa District Award Newsletter

The anniversary of JOHN and Carol KLEIN was recognized with a dollar contribution to the Youth Fund by JOHN, and a story of how they met in the dorm shower. Ask JOHN for the rest of the story, although you might have to pay him for it. A belated birthday greeting was sung for BILL VORTHMANN for which he contributed a dollar. It is tough growing up on the farm with a birthday in the middle of harvest season.

Thanks to JOHN K. BOB, RICHARD and BILL VORTHMANN, MARSHA, KEVIN, and JERYL UNDERWOOD, LES and MILLI HARVEY for helping at the Can Kennel. It was overflowing with three weeks accumulation. Thanks to DOREEN MAYBERRY for bringing in a contribution of cans from her friends in CARSON.

TERESA FAHRENKRUG announced the Cub Scouts are planning a Christmas Caroling and tree decoration on December 5. Activities will begin at Zion Church at 6:30 p.m. All Optimists are invited. Also, TERESA announced the Club Pack Pinewood Derby would be Jan 18. She needs some judges from our Club. Also there will be an open class for adults.

Sympathies are extended to VIRGIL HOLST for the recent passing of his wife, Ethel.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING

The Board met 11/16 with members GARY, MARSHA, RICHARD, BILL V., and TERESA, and Club members JERRY, JOHN K., LARRY, and GENE GRELL. S/T RICHARD reported club assets of about \$4500. The new member application of Joel Bohlken was approved. An effort to join the LaMars Optimist Club in building a new club in the Sioux Central school district was approved with a financial commitment of \$250. Funds of up to \$150 were approved toward the building of a Spanish community Optimist club in Omaha. Motion was approved to provide up to \$50 for refreshments at the Baby-sitting/Child-care clinic. Applications for use of the Can Kennel were reviewed. The Optimist Scholarship was assigned next May; the Treynor Dance/Drill team-June; the Junior Optimist Club-July; and the Music Boosters-August. Plans for a Club Christmas meeting on December 21 were discussed and an anonymous \$5 gift exchange was approved.

CALENDAR

- Sept-Nov. Can Collections for SW Iowa Honor Band
Nov. 23 Club Meeting, program by Bonnie Bolte and Tara Slevin
Nov. 27 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 30 Club Meeting, program by Rev. Alan Hardy. String lights on Memorial Christmas Tree after Club meeting.
Dec. Can Collections for Boy Scouts
Dec. 5 Cub Scout Christmas caroling/tree decorating, starting at 6:30 p.m. Zion Church.
Dec. 7 Club Meeting, program TBA. Board meeting after Club meeting, ??
Dec 11 Can and bottle sorting.
Dec. 21 Club meeting and Christmas gift exchange.
Jan.-Mar. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee
Jan. 7 Spaghetti Supper, Zion.
Jan. 18 Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby.
Jan. 20 Zone 4 Meeting, Avoca

Birthdays

- 11/8 MICK GUTTAU#
11/25 KATHY SCHMITT
Anniversaries
11/6 KENNETH GRAHAM
11/15 JOHN KLEIN#
11/21 LES and MILLI HARVEY
11/25 WARD CHAMBERS
# recognized to date.

MAKING LEARNING FUN

Jan Kenkel has been teaching at Treynor Elementary for more than 12 years. Jan spoke to Club members about her work teaching reading to elementary students. The past five years she has been working as the Title I Reading Resource teacher for grades kindergarten through six. Jan has developed a teaching method that makes learning vowels and consonants fun for young students. She demonstrated her teaching of reading techniques with personal marker boards distributed to Club members as they would be distributed to elementary students. Jan starts each class session with a specific collection of vowels and consonants and asked students to make up as many words as possible. It seems like a game to students, but they are learning how to compose, pronounce, and read words and increase their vocabulary in the process. Jan noted the Title I work is partly supported by the Treynor School District, although it was originally started in 1970 and supported by the US Dept. of Education. The success of Jan's work at Treynor has been shown in the high achievements of students on standard tests. It is also important for the success of individual students who need special help at a critical learning time.

ALL PRISONERS ARE NOT THE SAME

LES HARVEY spoke about his four-year experience working as an educator at the Nebraska State Prison. LES said he was hired as the Director of Education of the prison with a mission to revamp the educational program there. LES had been working as a Director of the University of Nebraska Extension Distant Learning Program before working at the State Prison. In the Extension program he found the value of individual learning and a structure for facilitating it. LES explained he received a three-year grant to hire teachers and tutors, and he applied the Extension program methodology to the prison population. LES noted the prison system always intended to provide the basic education for young inmates without it. But the new educational opportunities to inmates attracted a great deal more participation as the education program went from 10 to 285 students. A key element contributing to this was the definition of education by the prison Board of Pardon and Parole as part of the inmate work assignment. Thus, LES noted, if they did not want to cooperate in class there were more serious consequences, than from a purely voluntary program. When inmates were first assigned to prison LES would interview them and assess their educational needs. From over 1200 interviews, LES noted, not one man could express a goal in life. During the period at the prison LES said he encountered many different men. He identified some that were 'professional criminals', and some that were 'accidental criminals' who were likely unjustly charged. LES said that many prisoners were there because of a temper or fit or rage that let them to commit a serious crime. Some of the men he came to know are now out of prison leading productive lives. LES felt like he had some positive effects on these individuals through his work in prison education. Unfortunately, a prison riot led to the closure of the educational program and it was never restored as before.