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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning December 20, 2003 at the Treynor Community Center. LES HARVEY has arranged for the program to be presented by Kati Knowles who will tell about being selected for a trip to visit the US Capital in Washington, DC last summer. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 33 members and four guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. KATHY SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to ROGER VORTHMANN, but he couldn't collect. The 50/50 was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU.

JOHN KLEIN introduced his brother, Alan, as a visiting Optimist Club President from Missouri. Dennis White was also recognized as a visitor. Other visitors were Roger and Amanda Jensen. Roger thanked Club members for helping at the recent elementary Christmas program. LES and MILLI HARVEY, BOB HIBBARD, and LARRY KRAMER helped distribute programs and usher.

Pres. JERRY presented a Can Kennel redemption check for \$590 to Amanda Jensen. Amanda represented the Honor Choir who collected can and bottles last October to help fund a trip to New York City next June.

There were a couple of contributions to the Youth Fund for notable happenings. MIKE ABBOTT told about his daughter's advance achievement on ASAT tests. JOHN KLEIN noted that JIM CLAUSEN'S son was getting good at wrestling. Since JIM didn't see the pin, he paid up. MIKE noted the newsletter still didn't have ZORI'S birthday correct. The editor redeemed a free pass certificate from Pres. JERRY that he received the previous Club meeting.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned several items for the dues account. BILL VORTHMANN offered two New York Strip steaks from beef he raised. Also auctioned were tickets to the Air Force Band and Choir Christmas concert provided by JOHN KLEIN, and tickets to the Harlem Globetrotters show (1/3/04) provided by Radio Station KVSS 88.9 FM. GARY FUNKHOUSER offered a 'marshmallow gun' to the highest bidder. All these items brought in \$39.

Pres. JERRY noted that he, LES, and KELLY SUTHERLAND were planning the help the Treynor Junior Women with Santa's Visit.

JOHN K announced that the next can and bottle sorting will be this Wednesday at 7 p.m. with the After-the-Prom Committee. JOHN also asked for interested members to meet with him after the Club meeting to discuss plans for a playground equipment project.

The day of our annual Spaghetti Dinner is rapidly approaching this coming Friday. RICHARD VORTHMANN has the plan in action. Setup and early preparations are scheduled at 10 a.m. Serving starts at 5

P.S. A grim-faced fellow took a seat at the bar and growled, "Gimme a double."

The guy next to him asked, "Why are you so upset?"

The fellow answered, "Because I just had words with my wife and she moved out."

A guy sitting at the end of the bar looked up from his drink and said, "Do you remember exactly what

those words were?"

p.m., so workers need to be there earlier depending on the task. A pie contribution list was circulated. Spaghetti and homemade pie will be served before the basketball games with Riverside. Better tell your friends and get there early. Call RICHARD if you have some questions.

MIKE introduced a plan to account for service hours by all Club members during the Optimist year. He provided a report format and asked everyone to tally their time working on Club service projects and to give him the report on the first meeting each month. Include time since October 1.

SCHOOL ADMINSTRATORS PRESENT UPDATE

Treynor School Superintendent KEVIN ELWOOD, Senior/Junior High Principal JOEL BOHLKEN, and Elementary Principal TIM LARSEN spoke about current status and future plans for the Treynor Schools. KEVIN and TIM are nearly half way through their first year in their positions. This is the second year at Treynor for JOEL. KEVIN stated the school year has been great with notable academic and athletic accomplishments and great parent and community support. Education in Treynor can be traced back 100 years to a one-room school established in 1904, KEVIN noted. School enrollment is still growing with an increase of 28 this year compared to last year. Increasing enrollment is putting pressure on facilities, KEVIN explained, and the current elementary school expansion is scheduled to open at the start of the next school year. It looks like there will be funding available for refurbishment of present buildings since the new construction cost is less than budgeted.

TIM stated the school staff is busy preparing for a review by the state education department in January. Community interview responses and a community video will be part of the preparation.

JOEL distributed results of a survey of students, parents and teachers regarding expectations and satisfaction of student education at Treynor schools. This survey is conducted every five years and will be reviewed by a School Improvement Advisory Committee to help set goals for the coming year.

CALENDAR

Dec. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

- Dec. 17 Can and bottle sorting, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 Spaghetti Supper, Zion Church, 5 - 7 P.M.
- Dec. 20 Club meeting, program by Kati Knowles
- Dec. 27 Club meeting, program by Pauline and Ron Longnecker.

Jan. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

Birthdays

- 12/2 GERALD FORRISTALL#, 12/5 ZORI ABBOTT#, 12/16 KEVIN UNDERWOOD#, 12/26 MINDI ESLINGER, 12/31 JEFF NELSON, 1/20 PENNY NELSON, 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT

Anniversaries

- 12/21 WES NELSON, 12/21 PENNY NELSON, 12/27 GARY GUTTAU, 12/31 BOB HIBBARD

recognized to date.

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