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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning January 24, 2003 at the Treynor Community Center. KEITH DENTON has arranged for Kaela Croushorn to present a program about soccer. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

JOHN K. noted he was soliciting prizes for the Octagon Club to use at their fundraiser on February 6 during the high school basket ball game half time. They are planning a TWA paper airplane-throwing contest.

MIKE explained procedures to gather more detail about the amount of cans and bottles collected at the Can Kennel.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETINGS

At the last Club meeting there were 26 members and three guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. KATHY SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to BILL MATTHEW, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to JIM CLAUSEN.

PICKING PLAYGROUND POSSIBILITIES

JOHN KLEIN has been spearheading an effort to improve the Treynor East Part playground equipment. JOHN explained the committee has received design plans from three companies-Landscape Structures, Inc., Miracle Equipment Co., and Playworld Systems, Inc. JOHN displayed poster-size illustrations of the design plans provided by the companies. He asked for opinions regarding the choices of playground equipment the Club members preferred. JOHN said the committee would be applying for grant funding for the playground design selected. He asked Club members to consider the amount of effort they can provide to raise funds within the community and the amount the Club can pledge to cover the project cost which could total thirty to forty thousand dollars.

The Youth Fund received contributions from MIKE ABBOTT, TIM GREINER, JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT, KEITH DENTON, GERALD FORRISTALL, TERESA FAHRENKRUG, and Pres. JERRY for bragging rights for family members.

Birthday greeting were sung to JOHN S. and DENNIS WHITE. They also contributed to the Youth Fund.

Pres. JERRY presented a check for \$680 to the Treynor Boy Scout troop for can and bottle collections last November. 2nd Class Scout Ben Schnepel accepted the check accompanied by Scoutmaster Tom Schnepel and Life Scout Brandon Fahrenkrug.

CALENDAR

Jan. Can Collections for After-the-Prom Committee

- Jan. 24 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jan. 25 Sidney Club Charter Banquet, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28 Can and bottle sorting, 7 p.m.
- Jan. 31 Club meeting, "Christmas White Elephant Gift Auction".
- Jan. 31 SISCO 2004 Show organization meeting, Red Oak.

Feb. Can Collections for Optimist Contributions to Youth

- Feb. 6 Octagon Club TWA paper airplane throw.
- Feb. 7 Club meeting, program by Ron and Pauline Longnecker on patrolling the river.
- Feb. 7 2nd Quarter Iowa District Conference, Des Moines.
- Feb. 11 Can and bottle sorting.
- Feb. 14 Club meeting, program by Terry Hummel on local Homeland Security issues. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Feb. 21 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 25 Can and bottle sorting.
- Feb. 28 Club meeting, program by Tim Larsen, Elementary Principal.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned several items for the Dues Fund. Items were contributed by the Lakeside Country Store of Lake Manawa (two thermos containers, an outdoor thermometer, and a rain gauge); the TSC Stores of Lake Manawa (8 1/2" X 11" wooden picture frames); Henry Doorly Zoo (four tickets to the Zoo); and JOHN KLEIN (four tickets to the Fishing and Hunting Expo at the Mid-America Center).

LES and MILLI HARVEY described the D.A.R.E. graduation of all 5th graders at Treynor Elementary. Over 125 family members attended. LES suggested our Club reestablish our support of D.A.R.E. for the benefit of youth and our Club.

GEORGE SCHNEIDER circulated a 'Get Well' card for VIRGIL HOLST. VIRGIL is at Risen Sun recovering from knee replacement surgery.

MIKE explained a proposal to establish a new class of Club membership for individuals who prefer to support our activities but are not able to participate directly.

KEITH noted he received a special compliment from an Iowa Western Community College official regarding students from Treynor.

Birthdays

1/20 PENNY NELSON, 1/24 JOHN SCHMITT#

Anniversaries

(none in January)
recognized to date

baseball team in heaven. The bad news is that you're pitching on Friday."

P.S. Two elderly gentlemen wonder if there's baseball in heaven, and promise each other that the first to die will somehow let the other one know. A week later one of them dies. And a week later after than his friend recognizes his voice coming down from the clouds.

"Joe, I've got some good news and some bad news," the disembodied voice reports. "The good news is that there is a

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