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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning February 7, 2003 at the Treynor Community Center. LES HARVEY has arranged for Ron and Pauline Longnecker to talk about their work on the Missouri River. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

LARRY reminded everyone of the upcoming District meeting next Saturday in Des Moines. Members are welcome to ride along with him, leaving the Community Center parking lot at 6 a.m.

MIKE explained the establishment of a foundation for our Club through the Community Foundation established by the Treynor State Bank. This foundation is formed with an IRS 501(c)3 status so that deposits from individuals are tax deductible as charitable contributions.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 21 members and three guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. GARY FUNKHOUSER led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to GARY GUTTAU. Too bad it wasn't so big since it was won last week. The 50/50 was awarded to CHAD GUTTAU, which was more than his dad got.

GARY F. announced details of the TWA project being conducted by the Treynor High School Octagon Club on February 6. The paper airplane throw at the boys basketball game half-time period will be a benefit for Barbara Deitchler who is recovering from serious injuries sustained in a vehicle accident last Fall. There will be two targets with prizes for the two paper airplanes that are closest to each target. A few Optimists are needed to help with sales of paper sheets used to make the airplanes.

Pres. JERRY announced the recent death of Ed Underwood, an Optimist for nearly 20 years, Club president in 1996-97, and secretary-treasurer for five years. Memorial contributions in Ed's name can be made to the Treynor State Bank Community Foundation where an Optimist Club endowment fund account has been established.

LES HARVEY stated he submitted a news article detailing program speakers for February and encouraged members to invite guests to hear the presentations.

DOREEN MAYBERRY introduced her guests, her daughter Fronja and son-in-law Randy Peck from Neligh, NE.

Thanks to MIKE and Zori ABBOTT for contributing a large volume coffee maker for use at the Treynor Community Center Club meeting site.

BILL VORTHMANN introduced his guest Byron Menke owner of Menke Auctions of Treynor.

Byron Menke with assistance of JEFF J. auctioned numerous items received from members for the '1st Annual Christmas White Elephant Auction.' From the wide variety of items presented, everyone had a chance to bid for something useful to them. After the table was cleared about \$240 was raised to supplement the Dues Fund. Special thanks to Byron for his services.

Birthday greetings were sung to LARRY KRAMER. That prompted him to put a dollar contribution in the Youth Fund. Other contributors were Pres. JERRY for his daughter's 8th grade basketball achievements, and BILL VORTHMANN and MIKE ABBOTT for newspaper photos.

CALENDAR

Feb. Can Collections for Optimist Contributions to Youth Activities

Pres. JERRY administered the new member oath to DENNIS WHITE. DENNIS was sponsored by JIM CLAUSEN. Give DENNIS a warm Optimist greeting next time you see him.

- 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, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Club meeting, program by Terry Hummel on local Homeland Security issues. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Feb. 21 Club meeting, program by STEVE IRVIN presenting the school video prepared for the educational review committee.
- Feb. 25 Can and bottle sorting, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 28 Club meeting, program by Tim Larsen, Elementary Principal on building progress.

Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, JEFF JORGENSEN, Pres. JERRY, LARRY, and GARY and CHAD GUTTAU for helping the After-the-Prom Committee with the frigid sorting of cans and bottles. The February can and bottle collections will be used for Club youth activities. So round up all the empties from the Super Bowl parties and toss them in the Can Kennel. The next sorting will be February 11 at 7 p.m.

JOHN K. presented an update on the playground equipment project for East Park. The project plan will be presented to the Treynor City Council for their review. Cost estimates for the 125 ft by 50 ft area are- \$38000 for playground equipment, \$4500 for site preparation, \$6900 for ground finish, and \$2100 for signage and miscellaneous. While grants might be secured for half of the costs, much effort will be needed to raise the remainder in the community.

MIKE circulated a Thank You note from Jenna Sudmann for our support of her attendance at the Outback Bowl.

- Birthdays**
- 2/5 LARRY KRAMER#, 2/11 ROGER VORTHMANN, 2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN, 2/13 GARY FUNKHOUSER
- Anniversaries**
- 2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL, 2/6 JON JACOBSEN, 2/9 DAN SCHNEPEL, 2/23 RICHARD VORTHMANN
- . # recognized to date

P.S. McQuillan walked into a bar and ordered martini after martini. Each time he removed the olives and placed them in the tall slim glass jar he had put on the bar counter. When the jar was filled with olives and all the drinks consumed, the Irishman started to leave.

"S'cuse me", said a observing customer sitting nearby, who was puzzled over what McQuillan had done, "what was that all about?"

"Nothin", said the Irishman, "my wife just sent me out for a jar of olives!"

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