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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning March 6, 2003 at the Treynor Community Center. GARY GUTTAU has arranged for DEE GUTTAU to speak about the psychiatric program at Jenny Edmundson Hospital. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the February 21st Club meeting there were 27 members present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BOB HIBBARD led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to WARD CHAMBERS, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER.

The 16th wedding anniversary of JON and Debra Jacobsen we recognized as JON put a dollar in the Youth Fund. Other contributions were received to recognize family member achievements and special occasions; TIM GREINER for the Jazz Band Sweepstakes Award in Council Bluffs, DENNIS WHITE for his son's upcoming marriage, JIM CLAUSEN for his son's successful high school wrestling season, and JOHN and KATHY SCHMITT in recognition of their son being deployed for Guard duty with the 168th Infantry Unit.

MICK GUTTAU put in a five spot to announce that JON JACOBSEN is the new Trust Officer at Treynor State Bank.

Pres. JERRY also called for a quarter contribution from all styrofoam cup users.

Treas. MIKE ABBOTT noted that \$720 was received for newsletter ads through the diligent efforts of LES HARVEY. He suggested a list of advertisers be included with the E-mail distribution also.

Pres. JERRY noted the Waterloo, IA Optimist Club was celebrating their 75th anniversary on March 9.

LES reported on the Sidney, IA Optimist Club charter banquet attended also by MILLI HARBEY, BOB HIBBARD and LARRY KRAMER. LES noted the leadership is mainly by young ladies with a vested interest in serving the youth in the Sidney community.

JOHN KLEIN called for a meeting of the Payground Committee on Sunday evening at his home for a final review of the Iowa Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application.

JEFF JORGENSEN had several items for auction. Since the goal for the Dues Fund had been met, JEFF announced the auction receipts would be going to the Club Endowment Fund. MIKE ABBOTT contributed a big double handful of peacock feathers that resulted in spirited bidding. JUDY GUTTAU contributed a dessert bread loaf of \$10 value that brought a premium price. Also JEFF auctioned gift certificates from Cal's Food & Gas on S. Omaha Bridge Road, Council Bluffs for car washes, and from Duncan's Cafe at 501 S. Main, Council Bluffs for food.

At the February 28 Club meeting there were 28 members present. Pres. JERRY opened the meeting by leading the pledge. The attendance pot was awarded to TERESA FAHRENKRUG, so it starts again. The 50/50 was awarded to GARY GUTTAU. Good thing he wasn't present at the previous meeting so some else one could win.

Contributions were received for the Youth Fund from Pres. Jerry for Jazz Band achievements, MIKE A. for his

daughter's debate team efforts, BILL VORTHMANN for his niece's effort in helping her basketball team achieve state tournament play, LINNEA WHITE to celebrate her son getting a job, and JOHN SCHMITT for his grandson's achievements.

Birthday greeting were sung to GARY FUNKHOUSER for which he contributed a dollar to the Youth Fund.

MIKE A. circulated a Thank You Note form Jenna Sudmann for our financial assistance for her trip to the Outback Bowl were she was part of a featured dance group at halftime. MIKE also announced the Club Endowment Fund had reached the thousand-dollar mark.

JOHN K. announced the playground equipment grant was submitted ahead of schedule. He also noted that details for the April tree planting project at the elementary school are being developed with the help of TIM G. and Principal TIM LARSEN.

LES announced the winning Optimist International essay at Treynor was prepared by Dani Greiner and will be forwarded to the District competition.

JEFF J. auctioned for the Endowment Fund a cordless drill courtesy of Bomgaard's Farm Supply of Council Bluffs, a set of hand crafted napkin rings from The Gift Gallery of Council Bluffs, and a supply of two-cycle engine oil and hand cleaner from Nelson Outdoor Power of Treynor.

P. R. I. D. E.

Treynor School teacher and counselor, STEVE IRVIN, brought a video presentation to Club members prepared by school staff for a visit of the Iowa Department of Education review committee. STEVE said the School Improvement Committee visits schools every five years. The title of the video, P.R.I.D.E., was an outline of the presentation. STEVE explained the title is an abbreviation for Pride, Resources, Involvement, Dedication, and Excellence. Steve said the final editing of the video was produced by Blair Photo-to-Video of Glenwood, IA. (527-3148), owned by Mark and Brenda Blair.

ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT

TIM LARSEN is in his first year as Treynor Elementary Principal after five years of teaching there. TIM reported that the new building addition was on schedule to be finished in August for the next school year. This will greatly increase classroom and other facility space and allow for more complete education services to meet the increasing enrollment at the elementary school. TIM explained the successful High School Cadet Teaching program where high school students help elementary teachers. TIM noted the long list of parent/adult volunteers also available to help the teachers, especially during special seasonal activities.

CALENDAR

March Can Collections for Silver-Keg 4-H Club

- Mar. 2 Can and bottle sorting at 7 p.m.
- Mar. 6 Club meeting, program by Dee Guttau.
- Mar. 13 Club meeting, program TBA. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Mar. 14 Free swim day at Lewis Central Pool, 4:30 p.m.
- Mar. 20 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 27 After-the-Prom Committee Theme Luncheon.
- Apr. 3 International OI Pres. Visit, Amana Holiday Inn. (also makeup 2nd Quarter District Conference)

Birthdays

- 3/2 JERYL UNDERWOOD, 3/2 WARD CHAMBERS
- 3/8 GEORGE SCHNEIDER, 3/11 KENNETH GRAHAM
- 3/20 JON JACOBSEN

Anniversaries

- 3/4 GENE SERAN, 3/8 KEITH DENTON
- 3/15 JEFF NELSON

. # recognized to date

P.S. The government is saying that Americans are all geographically illiterate and economically ignorant. It must be true. How many times have you said to yourself, "Where did all my money go?"

(Thanks to Les Harvey for 2/28 meeting notes)

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