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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning May 15, 2003 at the Treynor Community Center. GARY FUNKHOUSER has arranged for Mike Killinger to talk about the development of Whispering Hills Winery. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the May 8 Club meeting there were 21 members and five guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. MIKE ABBOTT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to ALLI VANROEKEL, but it was not claimed. The 50/50 was awarded to JIM CLAUSEN.

Pres. JERRY put a dollar in the Youth Fund for the continuing success of his son Eric in the 400-m track event.

Outstanding Treynor High School football player and senior Jordan Goos spoke about his selection to the Iowa Shriner's Bowl. He will play with select football players from across Iowa and will help support the Shriner's Hospital by visiting patients and raising funds.

JOHN KLEIN reported the Babysitting/Childcare Clinic drew 36 mostly 5th grade participants at the first session. This is one of the largest classes. Two participants are from outside the Treynor community. By attending four sessions youth will receive a certification of knowledge and skills through this Extension Service program.

JOHN K noted the can and bottle sorting for Optimist Scholarships is this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Clean out your garages and sheds for a good purpose.

GARY GUTTAU emphasized the need for help for the upcoming Fish Iowa project on successive Saturdays, the 15th and 22nd. Assistance with skill workshops, registration, lunch, snacks, photography, securing prizes, cooking fish, finding worms, etc. is needed. Let GARY know how and when you can help. You'll help give a 5th grader smiles.

LES HARVEY reported the 2004 Youth Appreciation Celebration was very successful with over 100 in attendance. Twelve junior/senior high youth selected by teachers were honored and winners of the Essay and Oratorical Contests participated in the program. Club member STEVE IRVIN gave an outstanding presentation on 'Integrity.' Special thanks to LES and MILLI for all the arrangements.

JOHN K announced the Iowa DNR grant to the City of Treynor for 50% matching funds up to \$25,770 for new city park playground equipment was ranked number 2 of 46 grant applications received. An announcement from DNR is expected soon.

JOHN SCHMITT reminded all of the Bike Safety Day coming up after school on May 20. Many assistants are needed at the skills judging stations. Let him know how you can help.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned dinner gift certificates from Charltons of Omaha, auto service gift certificate from Eddy's Fast Lube of Council Bluffs, and two breakfast certificates plus a free pie from Village Inn of Council Bluffs.

Pres. JERRY announced the officer elections for the next Optimist Year beginning in October would be

P.S. An angry mother took her son to the doctor and asked, "Is my nine-year-old boy able to perform an appendectomy?"

"Of course not," the doctor said impatiently.

The mother turned to her son and said, "What did I tell you? Now put it back!"

conducted at the next Club meeting. The Nominations Committee report for the slate of candidates is as follows:

President – JEFF JORGENSEN, V. Pres. and Pres.-elect – JON JACOBSEN, V. Pres. – GARY GUTTAU, Board members – KEITH DENTON, MICK GUTTAU, STEVE IRVIN, ARLYN NORRIS, KEVIN UNDERWOOD, and DENNIS WHITE. Three of the Board candidates are to be elected.

REPORT OF BOARD MEETING

Six Board members met to discuss Club activities. Expenses for the Youth Appreciation Celebration were approved. The report of the Scholarship Committee was approved. The recipients will be announced later and invited to a Club meeting for presentation. The report of the Officer Nomination Committee was approved. The elections are to be conducted at the May 15 Club meeting. Can Kennel applications from the Cub Scouts (Aug.) and Treynor Dance Team (Sept.) were approved. The Treynor Cheerleaders asked to change their assigned Can Kennel month (June). The High Adventure Scouts were tentatively approved for June pending formal application. A \$50 contribution to Jordan Goos was approved for his Shriner's Bowl trip expenses. A special Board meeting was set for June 5 to discuss commitments to the playground equipment funding.

WILDLIFE FLURISHING IN IOWA

Doug Clayton has been a State Conservation Officer of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for 25 yr. As a field officer in Pott. County, he has seen progress in the return of native wildlife in western Iowa. Everyone has seen the deer and now wild turkey in the rural and urban landscape. Doug said Iowa has been exporting wild turkey to other states in trade for river otter. Now the river otter are reproducing and growing in cleaner river environments. Hunting permits have increased in response to wildlife populations; however, legislators have not approved raising fees to be comparable to surrounding states. Doug noted the resources for wildlife conservation management in Iowa are being reduced. This could impede future management. The large number of trophy deer in Iowa has led to considerable poaching activity, Doug explained. The TIPS hotline has been very useful in prosecuting offenders. This hotline allows all citizens to be part of the wildlife management in Iowa.

CALENDAR

May Can Collections for Optimist

- May 12 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- May 15 Club meeting, program, program by Mike Killinger.
- May 15 3rd Quarter Iowa District Conference, District Oratorical Contest, Des Moines.
- May 15 Fish Iowa, Part 1, Elementary School, 9 a.m.
- May 18 Babysitting clinic after school.
- May 20 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School, 3:30 p.m.
- May 22 Club meeting, program by Matt Wilber.
- May 22 Fish Iowa, Part II, Arrowhead Lake, 8:15 a.m. departure from Elementary School.
- May 25 Final Babysitting clinic after school.
- May 26 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- May 29 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jun. 5 Club meeting, program by Iowa Senator Hubert Houser and Representative Gerald Jones.

Birthdays

- 5/11 KEITH DENTON, 5/20 KELLY SUTHERLAND
- 5/21 STEVE IRVIN, 5/22 LINNEA WHITE

Anniversaries

- 5/29 BILL MATTHEW
- . # recognized to date

