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Wes Nelson	Kathy Schmitt
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Larry Kramer	Gene Grell



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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning May 22, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. GARY FUNKHOUSER has arranged for Matt Wilber, Pott. Co. Prosecutor to speak. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 21 members and one guest present. LARRY KRAMER was attending the Iowa District Optimist Meeting in Des Moines. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to KELLY SUTHERLAND, but it was not claimed. The 50/50 was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER.

Thanks to RICHARD VORTHMANN, GARY FUNKHOUSER, and BOB HIBBARD for making last minute arrangements for our Club meeting at the high school.

Birthday greetings were sung to KEITH DENTON. He put a dollar in the Youth Fund for the performance. CHAD GUTTAU also added a dollar for his photo in the newspaper for planting flowers at the Council Bluffs, YMCA. JIM CLAUSEN added a dollar for his son's achievements at high school wrestling. GERALD FORRISTALL also added a dollar to note that his grand daughter was selected as the first women intern at the Caterpillar company in Peoria, IL.

GARY F. circulated photos from the Join Hands Day activities when the TRA swimming pool and pool house were painted. There were 45 pairs of hands at work representing scouts, Honor Society, Octagon Club, Optimists, and other youth and adults. Lunch was served by ladies from St. Paul's Church. GARY said our share of expenses was \$375.

GARY GUTTAU announced the Fish Iowa project was canceled because not enough youth signed up to participate in the two weekend event. He suggested it be offered next year and every other year, so that there would be a new pool of youth to attract each time.

Thanks to all the can and bottle sorters of last week. Those helping were JOHN KLEIN, BILL VORTHMANN, JEFF and Mary Beth JORGENSEN, KEVIN, MARSHA, and JERYL UNDERWOOD, LES and MILLI HARVEY, and LARRY.

JOHN K. stated there were 37 students that attended the 2nd Baby Sitting/Child Care Clinic session. It is still the largest class that has participated in this annual project.

Pres. JERRY reminded all of the Bike Safety Day this coming Thursday at the Elementary School playground after school. Many helpers are needed to conduct the safety inspection and riding skill activities.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned a pound of coffee from M.J. Java Co. of Omaha and Council Bluffs.

Pres. JERRY conducted the election of officers for the 2004-2005 year. The following were elected:

P.S. Milton came into his wife's room one day. "If I were to, say, be disfigured, would you still love me?" he asked her. "Darling, I'll always love you," she said calmly, filing her nails. "How about if I became impotent, couldn't make love to you any more?" he asked anxiously. "Don't worry, darling, I'll always love you," she told him buffing her nails. "Well, how about if I lost my job as vice president?" Milton went on, "and if I weren't pulling in six figures any more. Would you still love me then?" The woman looked over at her husband's worried face. "Milton, I'll always love you," she reassured him, "but most of all, I'll really miss you."

President – Jeff Jorgensen  
Vice President/President Elect – Jon Jacobsen  
Vice President – Gary Gutttau  
Past President – Jerry Hempel

Board Members	
2003-2004	2004-2005 (Newly Elected)
Kathy Schmitt	Steve Irvin
John Schmitt	Arlyn Norris
Gene Grell	Denny White

RELYING ON THE FIRST BUD

Mike and Dana Killinger are developing a vineyard and winery on their farm on Cottonwood Road about 13 miles east of Treynor. Mike reported that they are now producing four wines, Edelweiss, Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Raspberry; and they have plans for four more, Sunset Blush, Golden Delicious, Dry Apple, and Semi-sweet Apple. Mike explained grape growing and wine production requires a lot of investment of time and capital before any result of the efforts can be realized. They have about 2,000 grape vines planted, and it takes three years before production of grapes. Wildlife such as rabbits and deer and drifting herbicides like 2-4-D can damage growing grapes. Natural hazards of frosts, freezes, and drought can severely impact production. Mike explained that a grape vine can produce three buds for leaf and fruit growth. The first bud produces the best grapes. If a frost injures this bud a second will appear that can produce grapes of lesser quality. If this bud is damaged by cold weather, the vine will produce a third bud. This is the last attempt for the vine to survive and no fruit will be produced. Mike said he purchases grapes from area grape growers to assure wine production. There are about 45 members of the Western Iowa Grape Growers Association and the Iowa Grape Growers Association who have about 50 acres of vineyards in the Loess Hills area. Mike and Dana are developing The Whispering Hills Vineyards on their farm not only as a means of income, but also as a place for the public to visit for education, wine tasting, and entertainment. Mike is a farmer, an educator, a coach, a computer programmer and now working to be a full time vintner.

CALENDAR

May Can Collections for Optimist Scholarships

- 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 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.

June Can Collections for High Adventure Scouts

- Jun. 13 SISCO Horse Show, Malvern, 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

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