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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning July 24, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. CHAD GUTTAU has arranged for Council Bluffs Councilman Matt Walsh to speak. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 22 members and five guests present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JOHN SCHMITT led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to GENE GRELL, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to BOB HIBBARD.

MIKE ABBOTT added a couple dollars to the Youth Fund to recognize his wedding anniversary. Pres. Jerry did likewise to recognize his birthday and his son's selection to All-Conference Baseball team.

Pres. JERRY announced \$100 was donated to the Club from the Treynor Days 50/50 winner.

LES HARVEY reported he had received a letter from the Iowa Highway Department that the Cub Scouts would be recognized at a state meeting and receive a ten-year participation award for highway clean up activities.

Thanks to LES and MILLI HARVEY and JOHN KLEIN for working with the Treynor Youth Football group of about twenty 6th and 7th graders with can and bottle sorting. LES asked to borrow a video camera to document the Can Kennel activity. If anyone has one to loan, let him know.

Treynor senior Nole Springer accepted a check on behalf of the Music Boosters in the amount of \$510 for their work with the Can Kennel in April. Nole said the funds would be used to support the Pops Concert and for scholarships to music camp.

Thanks to BOB, STEVE IRVIN, and GARY FUNKHOUSER for helping with the gate and parking at the baseball and softball tournament games last week.

4-H members Julie and Mike Brandt, Josh Bintz, and Jamie Schnoor reported on participation in the Citizenship Washington Forum trip to Washington, DC last month. They joined a group of 48 4-H members from Southwest Iowa that met with many other 4-Hers from Iowa and other states to tour Washington and meet legislators. One of the highlights was the opportunity to observe the President Regan funeral procession.

LARRY KRAMER announced that the Club twenty year anniversary celebration is scheduled on October 3 at the Community Center.

TORT REFORM?

Attorney Tony Tauke has been practicing civil and real estate law for over twenty-five years. He noted several court cases of civil suits in recent years where the large jury awards received a great deal of publicity. He said there seems to be a growing sentiment to limit the amount

of damages the jury can declare against the defendant. The McDonalds spilled coffee case is one example where the plaintiff was awarded \$2.9 million for seemingly doing a foolish thing. However, Tony noted that there were already 700 burn cases attributed to extra hot coffee before this incident and the coffee supplier had asked that the serving temperature be lowered. Tony explained that when all the facts of what happened, how it happened, and who was responsible are presented to a jury, reasonable awards usually result. Furthermore the judge filters the jury decisions to keep the court system in balance. From his experience and observations of the court Tony does not think the movement toward tort reform is warranted.

BE A PARTY STOPPER

County Supervisor and Council Bluffs Policeman Loren Knauss spoke to Club members about the current efforts to prevent underage drinking and the tragic results of traffic deaths. Loren discussed the Party Stoppers program in effect throughout the county. There is a hotline phone number (712-328-7867) to report parties where underage alcohol drinking is happening. Loren noted that 15 calls were received last year. There is a \$50 reward when law enforcement breaks up a party, but only one caller asked for it last year. Small parties often grow into large parties that grow into even larger parties as youth can communicate so easily by cell phones as to what is happening. Responsibility and common sense are checked at the door. Police scanners often warn youth of impending raids. Loren stated that the prime party times are near the end and beginning of the school year. Too many parents allow underage drinking and their homes become know as the party houses. Loren recalled that there were two traffic-related deaths in the county last year attributed to underage drinking. Two sets of parents lost a child due to irresponsible party drinking. We all can be party stoppers to prevent this tragedy of youth. Loren stated that funds are being solicited for radio and newspaper announcements to discourage youth drinking parties.

CALENDAR

July Can Collections for Treynor Youth Football

- July 24 Club meeting, program by Matt Walsh.
- July 28 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.
- July 29 Westfair Gate, 12 – 6 p.m.
- July 31 Club meeting, program TBA.
- July 31-Aug 1 Iowa District Optimist Convention, Des Moines.

Aug. Can Collections for Cub Scouts

- Aug. 1 JOOI activity at Adventureland, Des Moines.
- Aug 22 Horse Show, Malvern.
- Oct/ 3 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Birthdays

- 7/14 GARY GUTTAU#, 7/14 WES NELSON,
- 7/23 JERRY HEMPEL#, 7/27 JIM CLAUSEN

Anniversaries

- 7/14 JEFF JORGENSEN#, 7/18 MIKE ABBOTT#,
- 7/18 ROGER VORTHMANN
- # recognized to date

P.S. A man is trying to understand the nature of God, and asked him: "God, how long is a million years to you?"

God answered: "A million years is like a minute."
Then the man asked: "God, how much is a million dollars to you?"
And God replied: "A million dollars is like a penny."
Finally the man asked "God, could you give me a penny?"
And God said, "In a minute."