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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning August 14, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL has arranged for Treynor Wrestling Coach Dave Mundt to speak. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 20 members and one guest present. Past Pres. GARY FUNKHOUSER presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. LARRY KRAMER led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to KEN GRAHAM, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to STEVE IRVIN.

TERESA FAHRENKRUG added a dollar to the Youth Fund in recognition of the completion of Brandon's Eagle Scout Project just before his 18th birthday. She also added a dollar in recognition of Brandon's 2nd place in the Westfair pickup drags. Brandon is soon to become the newest and youngest member of our Club.

Omitted from the previous Club meeting report is a note that JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned for the Youth Fund two gift certificates from The Village Inn of Council Bluffs.

LARRY reported activities at the recent Iowa District Optimist Convention in Des Moines. About 130 Optimists attended the event. The District leaders for next Optimist year were announced. Governor Elect is Dennis McGregor from Ft. Madison, IA. The Lt. Governor for our Zone will be Lucy Hough from Underwood. LARRY said he would be responsible for the Optimist International Supply table at each of the District meetings. The District Convention next year will be in Ft. Madison.

GARY F. noted the elementary school expansion construction is nearly done, and not too soon as there will be 29 more students than last year.

GARY F. announced the Octagon Club would be working at highway cleanup on August 28 along Highway 92 east of Keg Creek. Also the Octagon Club received from SAM'S Club \$500 for community projects.

TIM GREINER noted the boy scouts had a successful High Adventure trip in the Rocky Mountains. A report is anticipated at an upcoming Club meeting.

LARRY circulated a sign-up sheet for the upcoming rescheduled Horse Show. Mark you calendar for helping on the 22nd.

TO BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE, NOT WHAT YOU DO

Ten years of coaching football at Treynor High School led Steve Owens to the state championship last season. This feat resulted in requests for him to speak at five coaching clinics during the past year. Steve said he was asked to explain the success of the small school football program at Treynor. This success, Steve explained, starts with a commitment to excellence by coaches, managers, and players on the team. This commitment is a burning desire to perform at maximum potential on every play of every game. The football program success, Steve stated, is a combination of player talent, coaching staff teaching, administrative support, and community spirit. As head coach Steve desires each player to grow as a person from participation in football. He wants them to appreciate and value hard work, teamwork, unity, and the importance of a foundation based on fundamentals. These values along with leadership skills development carry over to future endeavors. Steve noted that successful players need to be leaders and leadership qualities will result in successful life achievements of marriage, family, and career.

Steve explained the upcoming football season will be a challenge with a new schedule of schools for the district, and some of these schools are often in the state championship playoffs. Also there are fewer players out for the Treynor Cardinal team this year. But, by adhering to the commitment to excellence through the season, the team will be successful and team players will profit from their experiences.

CALENDAR

Aug. Can Collections for Cub Scouts

- Aug. 11 Can and bottle sorting, 6:30 p.m.
- Aug. 14 Club meeting, program by Dave Mundt. Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Aug. 21 Club meeting, program by Representative Steve King. Zone 4 JOOI clubs campout at Arrowhead
- Aug. 22 Horse Show, Malvern.
- Aug. 28 Club meeting, program by Jeff Casey. Highway pickup with Octagon Club.

Sep. 1 Can and bottle sorting

September Can Collections for Treynor Dance Team

- Oct. 3 Club 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Birthdays

- 8/11 CHAD GUTTAU, 8/23 JUDY GUTTAU

Anniversaries

- 8/9 TIM GREINER, 8/13 JERRY HEMPEL
- 8/25 GARY FUNKHOUSER
- # recognized to date

P.S. Arnold was near the end of his life. As he rested, he decided it was time to call his children to his side. They stood around his bed, waiting for him to speak.

"Children, your mother and I have been married for more than 50 years," Arnold said, "but you should know she made my life miserable. She was a real bad apple. It was a terrible life I've had."

One of his sons was shocked at hearing this news and wanted to know why he stayed married if everything was so bad as he insisted.

"Because she could bake and cook like an angel," Arnold said. "Even now, I can smell a good strudel baking. Sarah, be a good girl and go get your dying father a piece of strudel."

Arnold closed his eyes and waited for Sarah to return. When he heard her come into the room, he opened his eyes.

"Sarah, where's the strudel?" Arnold asked.

"Mom says you can't have any," Sarah said.

"Why not?"

His daughter answered, "She says it's for the funeral dinner tomorrow."

