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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning October 2, 2004 at the Treynor Community Center. Mike Abbott will be speaking about Milton Hershey and the Sweetest Place on Earth. The meeting starts at 7:20 a.m. Invite a guest.

REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETINGS

At the 9/18 Club meeting there were 22 members and one guest present. Pres. JERRY HEMPEL presided and opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS led the devotion prayer. The attendance pot was awarded to Pres. JERRY, but he couldn't collect. The 50/50 was awarded to GARY GUTTAU.

Pres. JERRY put a dollar in the Youth Fund to thank V. Pres. GARY GUTTAU for standing in for him at the last meeting. JON JACOBSEN added a dollar because he was in a newspaper photo. JIM CLAUSEN added a dollar in support of the high school football team.

Pres. JERRY announced the meeting next week would be in the new elementary school library.

GARY FUNKHOUSER announced the TRA swimming pool would not open next season.

LARRY KRAMER requested reservations for the upcoming 20th anniversary celebration of our Club. Kent Gade, National Chair of the Elks organization drug awareness program will be the featured speaker. New officers for next year will be inducted.

KATHY SCHMITT announced that the Punt, Pass and Kick activity for Treynor youth is planned Thursday the 23rd after school behind the high school. More helpers are needed to facilitate the event.

Thanks to JOHN KLEIN, LARRY, KEVIN and JERYL UNDERWOOD, and RICHARD VORTHMANN for helping the Dance Team at the recent can and bottle sorting at the Can Kennel. Their last sorting for September is on the 29th.

Pres. JERRY noted that the Treynor Junior Women are having a fund raising Chuckwagon Dinner at the elementary school before the homecoming football game on the 24th.

JEFF JORGENSEN auctioned four passes to the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha provided by KEVIN U.

At the 9/25 Club meeting there were 23 members and one guest 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 WARD CHAMBERS, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to JOHN S.

DOREEN MAYBERRY was welcomed back from her summer stay in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Birthday dollars for the Youth Fund were collected from THERESA FAHRENKRUG and from DOREEN. Pres. JERRY and GEORGE SCHNIEDER each added a dollar for football touchdowns by sons and grandsons, respectively. JEFF J. added a dollar in thanks that his wife's encounter with a deer in the road was not too severe. Pres. JERRY added another dollar to note the great performance of the drum line at the homecoming football game. His daughter was one of the performers. KEVIN U. noted Pres. JERRY'S son was in the homecoming court, but Pres. JERRY was out of dollars. KEVIN U then made the contribution for him.

KATHY S. reported on a successful Punt, Pass and Kick activity. Thirty-eight boys and eight girls from ages 8 to 13 participated. Thanks to thirteen Club members plus an

Octagon Club member, Amanda Schuler, and other parents for helping. Football attendance prizes were awarded to Logan Wright, Ethan Peters, Katie Weis, and Josh Maquire.

Thanks to MILLI HARVEY, JIM, JOHN S., KATHY S., BOB HIBBARD, RICHARD, GEORGE, GARY F., and LARRY for helping at the gate for the homecoming football game.

JEFF J. auctioned two pair of leather work gloves donated by U-Haul of Council Bluffs.

At the Board meeting on 9/18 there were six members plus a Club member present. It was agreed that the current Can Kennel policies would remain until next February. A committee will work on a plan this fall to refurbish the Can Kennel. President elect JEFF J. is looking for someone to be Club treasurer. LARRY agreed to be Secretary.

THE FIRST 48 HOURS

Detective Larry Cahill of the Omaha Police Department spoke to Club members about investigating homicide cold case files. Larry has been in law enforcement for sixteen years, but the past couple years he has worked in homicide investigations. According to Larry there are about sixty cold case files ranging back nearly fifty years. These cases have no leads for officers to investigate. Larry noted that technical developments have provided opportunities to reopen case investigations. For example, he used ten-year-old DNA evidence to identify a suspect. However, Larry explained, most cases are solved within the first 48 hours when evidence and consequences of the crime are fresh.

WWII LIBERATOR

Attorney Richard "Dick" Peterson from Council Bluffs was part of one of the last Army Divisions sent to the European Front. Dick explained he enlisted in the Army Infantry in 1943 and in early 1945 he was on a boat headed for Germany. At this time the German military was retreating to various strongholds. Dick said he was involved in his first major battle with the German army on April 11, 1945 in Attendorn, Germany. After driving back the German resistance, his patrol entered the city and proceeded a sweep across town. Dick said they encountered a barb wire fenced section enclosing a great number of ragtag, dirty and hungry people. It turned out they had discovered a slave labor camp where Russian citizens had been enslaved to manufacture war materials. Dick said he was proud to have been a part of this unexpected liberation effort.

CALENDAR

September Can Collections for Treynor Dance Team

Sep. 29 Can and bottle sorting.

October Can Collections for Honor Band

- Oct. 2 Club meeting, program by Mike Abbott.
- Oct. 3 Club 20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 9 Club meeting, program by John von Fuerstenburg.
- Oct. 9 1st Quarter District meeting, Des Moines.
- Oct. 15 Football game gate collection.
- Oct. 16 Club meeting, program by Michaela Abbott.

Birthdays

- 9/9 ARLYN NORRIS#, 9/10 MILLI HARVEY#,
- 9/16 JOHN KLEIN#, 9/17 TIM LARSEN,
- 9/18 DOREEN MAYBERRY#, 9/19 BOB HIBBARD#,
- 9/20 TERESA FAHRENKRUG#, 9/30 TIM GREINER#

Anniversaries

- 9/26 BILL VORTHMANN # recognized to date

P.S. The Yankee farmer, after seven years of effort on his stony New England farm, announced to all: Anyhow, I'm holding my own. I didn't have nothin' when I came here and I ain't got nothin' now.

