



The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned at 7:20 a.m. Saturday morning September 2, 2006 at the Treynor Community Center. LES HARVEY has arranged for Treynor High senior Nicole Schmitt to speak about her experiences this past summer. All members are encouraged to bring a guest.

REPORT OF CLUB MEETING

At the Club meeting on 8/26 there were 26 members and three guests present. President GARY FUNKHOUSER opened the meeting by leading the pledge. JEFF JORGENSEN offered a devotional prayer.

The 50/50 was awarded to LARRY KRAMER. The attendance pot was awarded to DALE WILLENBORG. Guests Lillie Schneider and Bernie Mann were introduced.

The 45th anniversary of Pres. FUNKHOUSER was recognized as he put a dollar in the Youth Fund.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER announced he was in possession of a youth wristwatch left behind at the Treynor Swim Day on March 26. He is hoping to hear from the owner.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER asked all members present to share their professions with the group so that we could become better acquainted.

LARRY KRAMER reported the Charter Presentation Dinner for the Lamoni Optimist Club is scheduled on Saturday October 28. DICK BABER announced he was going to attend their club meeting on September 12.

Pres. FUNKHOUSER expressed thanks to all who helped with parking and gate receipts from the large crowd at the football game with Underwood. The next home game is September 8.

The next can and bottle sorting with the Treynor Cheer Leaders is this Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Pres. Funkhouser announced the next Zone meeting will be September 11 and is hosted by our Club.

LARRY KRAMER announced the next meeting of the Community Sign Committee would be Tuesday the 29th.

The Board met at a special meeting with ten members plus one club member. The Board agreed to financial support of \$300 plus a U.S. flag and member name badges and a carrying case to the new Lamoni club. The Board discussed proposals by JOHN KLEIN for Homecoming Parade participation on October 6. A target of October 15 for Can Kennel reconstruction was agreed upon.

STALKING THE LARGEST WILD SHEEP

Dr. Roy Schultz of Avoca grew up in the Treynor area and served as a veterinarian of the region for many years before he retired. He is internationally known as an authority on swine diseases and has traveled around the world speaking on this topic. But, he also has another passion--that of wild game hunting, especially sheep. He has accomplished the rare feat of achieving the World Slam of Wild Sheep

which includes 12 varieties. The ultimate experience, Dr. Schultz noted, was the hunt for a trophy Marco Polo sheep, the largest wild sheep of the world, weighing up to 450 lb. These sheep are found in a very remote area of high elevation and harsh climate of the Pamir mountain ranges of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, northern Afghanistan, northern Pakistan, and western China. The hunting party operated from a base camp in Tajikistan at 12,599 ft elevation with mountain peaks around them ranging to 17,000 ft. Dr. Schultz noted the habitat of the Marco Polo sheep is a high altitude desert plain that can be largely traversed through the valleys and passes by 4x4 vehicles. Dr. Schultz explained the sheep daily trek about 2000 ft of elevation as they go from grazing during the day time on the valley floor to refuge in the rocks of surrounding peaks at night. They do this mainly to avoid wolves and to get away from cold winds. Dr. Schultz and his hunting guide were able to spot a large ram with some ewes, but it was late in the day so they decided to come back the next morning. When then finally saw the sheep again the next day they started going over the mountain down the other side. Dr. Schultz said he and his guide walked over the mountain crest of about 16,000 ft following the sheep. In the late afternoon they finally caught up with the small flock. They were about to disappear again and Dr. Schultz took a shot at the ram nearly 500 yards away. Through a spotting scope the guide declared a hit, but the ram and ewes disappeared over a ridge. The guide recommended that they descend the mountain and come back the next day. The next day they found the ram of trophy quality. Dr. Schultz said you can see the mounting in the Avoca City Hall. The Marco Polo sheep are an endangered species, Dr. Schultz noted, and hunting is restricted, but there were many sheep observed in their habitat. Dr. Schultz is a founding member of the Foundation of North America Wild Sheep which has been instrumental in increasing the population of wild sheep on our continent.

CALENDAR

August Can Collections for Cheer Leaders

Aug. 30 Can and bottle sorting, 6 p.m.

September Can Collections for Cub Scouts

Sep. 2 Club meeting, program by Nicole Schmitt.

Sep. 8 Football home game with A-H-S-T.

Sep. 9 Club meeting, program by Mike and JoEllen Travis.

Sep. 11 Zone meeting.

Sep. 16 Club meeting, program by Chuck Killion

Sep. 22 Football home game with Guthrie Center.

Birthdays

8/11 CHAD GUTTAU#, 8/16 VIRGIL HOLST#

8/23 JUDY GUTTAU

Anniversaries

8/9 TIM GREINER, 8/13 JERRY HEMPEL

8/25 GARY FUNKHOUSER#

recognized to date

Note: There will be no Newsletter next week.

P.S. A hearing was held to discuss the problem of sheep being eaten by coyotes. A woman stood up and declared, "Instead of poisoning them, why not lasso them and castrate the males?" After a moment, an old sheep rancher raised his hand and said, "Look lady, those coyotes aren't breeding them they're eating them."

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