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Report of Recent Club Meeting

President Richard Baber opened the Optimist Club meeting on January 31. Bob Hibbard gave the opening prayer. There were 17 members and 4 visitors in attendance. Bill Vorthmann won the 50-50 drawing. Ward Chambers won the attendance award but did not collect.

Dick Baber and Keith Denton provided jokes for the meeting. Dick Baber contributed \$2 to the Youth Fund for his birthday, but we sang to him anyway. Larry Kramer contributed \$1 but was not able to attend. Jeff Jacobsen, Richard Vorthmann, Mick Gutttau, and Steve Irvin contributed for bragging rights. Steve's son, who just spoke at the meeting last month, just became a Partner in the law firm where he works. Richard's granddaughter Erica just had a son weighing 9 lb, 2 oz.

Several members volunteered to help at the jazz choir contest at Treynor Monday night. Club members and others are also needed to help the Junior Optimists with selling airplanes for the Alec Mass. The school and community will hold a fundraiser Tuesday during its home basketball games against Missouri Valley for Alec Mass, who was diagnosed with Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma on May 8, 2008. Half of the gate proceeds will be given to Alec's family, as well as money from a raffle and other activities. Mass will be undergoing chemotherapy until March for the disease, which is a cancer of the soft tissue.

The Dance Team collected their check for \$661.25 from the Can Kennel. The money will be used for uniforms and travel. They have State contest in December and received 3rd overall this past year.

Dangers of the Internet for Kids

Mike Alba from the Council Bluffs police department spoke on January 31. He teaches a variety of programs for the Department, including Stranger Danger, Neighborhood Watch and the Citizen Police Academy.

Children are usually honest on the internet, causing problems for them. 70% of them give out their first name, 67% give their age, 39% give their birth date, and 20% give their full name.

The main problems are things that children send in an e-mail, post in chat room, and post on

MySpace or Facebook. Predators tell these children what they want to hear. Now bullies are also using e-mail and text messaging.

In the local area 22% of girls and 18% of boys have sent nude or semi-nude pictures of themselves to a friend. Parents need to closely monitor their children to know what they are sending via e-mail and cell phone.

NetLingo.com has thousands of definitions that explain the online world of business, technology, and communication -- including the largest collection of Internet acronyms and text messaging shorthand. It has the top 50 internet acronyms parents need to know, including POS (parents over shoulder), P911 (parent alert), PAL (parents are listening), and LMIRL (let's meet in real life).

CALENDAR

The February Can Kennel contributions will be for the Treynor IT Club. Total collections are \$67,140 through October 2008.

- Feb 2 – Assist with ticket selling for Jazz contest at the High School
- Feb 3 – Fundraiser for Alec Mass, cancer patient from Treynor, hot dog supper and many activities, starts at 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 7 – Breakfast by the Silver Keg Feeders
- Feb 11, 3:30 p.m. – Can sorting
- Feb 25, 3:30 p.m. – Can sorting

Birthdays

- Feb 1 - DICK BABER (recognized)
- Feb 5 - LARRY KRAMER (recognized)
- Feb 12 - RICHARD VORTHMANN
- Feb 13 - GARY FUNKHOUSER

Anniversaries

- Feb 6 - JON JACOBSEN
- Feb 23 - RICHARD VORTHMANN

Speakers

- Feb 7 – Rick Burns from Elk Horn – Experiences in Iraq. He returned in Dec after a one year deployment.

Programs

- February – Gary Gutttau
- March – Chad Gutttau
- April – Dale Willenborg
- May – Richard Vorthmann

PS: A young man was very excited because he just won a ticket to the Super Bowl. His excitement lessened as he realized his seat was in the back of the stadium. As he searched the rows ahead of him for a better seat, he found an empty one right next to the field. He approached the man sitting next to the empty seat and asked if it was taken.

The man replied, "No."

Amazed the young man asked, "How could someone pass up a seat like this?"

The older gentleman responded, "That's my wife's seat. We've been to every Super Bowl together since the day we were married but she has passed away."

"Oh, how sad," the man said. "I'm sorry to hear that, but couldn't you find a friend or relative to come with you?"

"No," the man said, "They're all at the funeral."

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