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Report of Recent Club Meeting

At the Optimist Club meeting on May 9 there were 18 members and one guest at the meeting. The 50/50 was won by Steve Irvin. Chuck Nielsen received his Optimist pin as a new member and Keith Denton was presented with a pin for nominating Chuck. Mick Guttau and Gerald Forristall each added a dollar to the youth fund in honor of Gerald's grandson receiving his M.A. degree from Creighton University. Mick Guttau announced that the dedication of the Memorial Plaza is scheduled for May 25, with a dinner at noon at the community building and a program at 1:30 p.m.

President-elect Gary Guttau opened the Optimist Club meeting on May 16 and led the pledge of allegiance. Bill Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. There were 16 members and three guests present. Keith Denton, Chuck Nielsen, and Gary Guttau contributed jokes. John Klein, Dennis White, Dale Willenborg, Steve Irvin, Jerry Hempel, and Jeff Jorgensen contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights. Jeff Jorgensen won the 50/50 drawing and Linea White won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

Can Kennel sorting was Wednesday night for the Baseball team. Bill Vorthmann, Richard Vorthmann, Gary Funkhouser, and Gary Guttau assisted the youth.

The scholarship committee met this past week and awarded ten, \$300 scholarships to graduating Seniors at Treynor. The Optimist Club flag project allowed the club to double the number of scholarships from a few years ago.

After the meeting, Richard Vorthmann, Jeff Jorgensen, and Dale Willenborg put in footings for new flags this year. Assistance will be needed next Saturday after the meeting to put up flags for Memorial Day.

Professional Rodeo

Craig Korkow is a recently retired professional rodeo participant. His interest in rodeo started with his grandfather who was recently been honored as a Hall of Fame rodeo person in 2008. Korkow rodeos started in 1947. The Korkows have over 300 horses on their South Dakota ranch. Craig earned 4 state championships in calf roping while in high school and another 4 championships while he was in college. His best time was 7.4 seconds in calf-roping. He discuss the rodeo calendar year which usually begins in Kansas City, and ends in Las Vegas. Craig also showed a short video tape was demonstrating calf-roping.

Craig described the logistics of performing in more than one rodeo during the same weekend. He received a lot of help from his wife and other family members.

A recent problem is that horses are no longer slaughtered in the United States, so there is no official way to dispose of older horses. Craig suggests anyone with pasture padlock gates because horses no longer needed might end up on their property because of this problem. They sometimes just get dropped off.

Estates and Beneficiaries

Kerry Monif from Securities America returned to speak about estate planning. She said that everyone has had some type of life changing experience in the past five years, such as a marriage, divorce, death, child or grandchild born, job change, retirement, etc. Therefore, they need to review their beneficiary designation.

A beneficiary designation form takes precedence over a will or trust and cannot be overridden. Therefore, it must be correct and reviewed on a regular basis. Beneficiary designations are specified for life insurance, retirement plans, IRAs, Annuities, and college savings plans.

For a beneficiary form her motto is "Assume Nothing." Many retirement documents contain errors, so it is advisable to have it reviewed by different professionals. Keep a copy of the exact signed form. Be sure it is signed. Make sure you have not left any designations blank; otherwise the assets can default to the estate. When part of the estate they are subject to the delays and costs of probate court.

CALENDAR

The May Can Kennel contributions will be for Baseball.

May 27, Wed 3:30 p.m.. – Can Kennel sorting

Birthdays

- May 11 – Keith Denton
- May 20 – Kelly Sutherland
- May 22 – Linea White

Anniversaries

- May 27 – Bob Abbott
- May 29 – Bill Matthew

Speakers

- May 23 – Jeff Danker – Sheriff
- May 30 – Carolyn Etinger - Wings of Hope
- June 8 – Anne Gramkow
- June 13 – Jnelle Keysor

Programs

- June – Linea White, Kevin Elwood
- July – Josh Guttau

P.S. What is Patriotism?

Loving your family is wanting what's best for them. Loving your country is not just saluting the flag; loving your country is trying to make your country better. If you don't want a better future for America, how can you say you love it?

It's those moments when you see the American flag raised high in the sunlight. It's those moments when the national anthem is sung. It's those goose bumps that you get on your arms during a flag ceremony. It's those moments that you cannot describe.