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Report of Recent Club Speakers

Courtney Stoffel, YMCA Aquatic Director and Child Care Director, spoke at the Optimist Club on April 17. She has worked at the YMCA for two years. There are 10 YMCAs in the area.

On April 17, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. the Council Bluffs YMCA will hold a free Healthy Kids Day. It will include a variety of activities, including a mini-triathlon, bike rodeo, obstacle course, family health fair, eye exams, car seat safety check, and a variety of other activities.

The Council Bluffs YMCA has about 1200 members. They cater to youth, but include activities for all ages, such as Silver Sneakers, Aerobics, Aquacise, and socials.

An important summer program is Teen Discovery. It is geared toward 7th-10 grade youth and helps teens build communication, leadership, and explore their interests. It is a ten week program, running from June 1 to August 8. The program is daily, 8:00-5:00. It includes group projects centered around YMCA core values, teamwork, and communication. Afternoons are spent on field trips, special events, speakers, and service projects.

The YMCA is planning a capital campaign in June for an addition to the building. After the addition they will have separate wings for different ages. They have purchased property to the South and will add to the North end of the building.

Meeting Minutes

Gary Gutttau opened the meeting with the pledge and Dale Willenborg gave the prayer. Gary Funkhouser provided jokes. There were 17 members and three guests in attendance. Dick Baber and Jeff Jorgensen contributed to the Youth Fund for letters to the editor.

Two youth from the After Prom Committee picked up a check for \$1235.70 for December and January receipts at the Can Kennel. Prom is this coming Saturday, with activities beginning at the High

school, followed by supper at one of two restaurants, a dance at the Matress Factory, and breakfast.

Jeff Jorgensen won the 50-50 drawing and Jerry Hempel won the attendance, but did not collect. Randall J. Shanks will be the speaker next Saturday, talking on Personal Injury and Workers Compensation. Ed Veldheisen, interim pastor at Zion Congregational Church, will speak on May 1.

CALENDAR

April proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for Art Students
 April 28, can sorting, 5:30 p.m.

Apr 24 - Optimist International President's visit to Amana Clarion Inn, 5:00 p.m.

Apr 24 - Jr. Treynor Women city wide garage sale

May 2 - Youth Appreciation, 3:00 p.m., Zion church

May 3 - Optimist Zone Meeting, Underwood

July 29 to August 1 - Iowa Optimist District Convention

Birthdays

Apr 20 - Steve Chambers

Apr 25 - Rocky Saar

Apr 28 - Gene Seran

Anniversaries

Apr 7 - Jim & Diane Clausen (recognized)

Speakers

Apr 24 - Randall J. Shanks, FELA, Shanks Law Firm, Personal Injury & Workers Compensation

May 1 - Ed Veldheisen, interim pastor at Zion Congregational Church

Programs

Apr - Chad Gutttau

May - Dale Willenborg

June - Linnea White

July - Jeff Jorgensen

Aug - Charlie Johnson

Sept - Eric Allen

Oct - Steve Irvin

Nov - Arlyn Norris

Dec - Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton

What did the shopaholic say when she saw the sign in front of the YMCA?

"Look! They spelled MACY's wrong!"

Two beggars are sitting on a park bench in Mexico City. One is holding a Cross and one a Star of David. Both are holding hats to collect contributions. People walk by, lift their noses at the man with the Star of David and drop money in the hat held by the man with the cross. Soon the hat of the man with the cross is filled and the hat of the man with the Star of David is empty.

A priest watches and then approaches the men. He turns to the man with the Star of David and says: 'Young man. Don't you realize that this is a Catholic country? You'll never get any contributions in this country holding a Star of David.'

The man with the Star of David turns to the man with the cross and says 'Moishe, can you imagine, this guy is trying to tell us how to run our business?'