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Report of Recent Club Speakers

Spencer Hawk talked about his experience in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership camp last summer at Central College. There were 300-400 youth at the three day camp. The purpose was to do things a community leader would do and to treat everyone as an equal, eliminating prejudices. Activities included painting the set for a church play, meeting business leaders, and a dance. Everyone participated in a variety of cheers every day and hugs to show everyone is equal.

Spencer is involved in speech, science club, golf team, National Honor Society, and Yearbook. His family moved to Treynor two years ago.

Mary Ann Hanusa spoke about her experience working in the West Wing of the White House on September 11, 2001. At that time she was the Director of the Office of Personal Correspondence for President Bush. Her main responsibility was drafting personal letters for the President to sign.

Before September 11, the federal government did not have an evacuation plan. Therefore when the airplanes hit the towers, the White House employees were told to go to the mess hall in the White House. They watched TV there for 15 minutes, then were told to evacuate and run two blocks past Lafayette Park, a seven acre public park located directly across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House. From there they decided to disperse.

All the buildings in Washington DC shut down and traffic was a gridlock. Mrs. Hanusa tried to go back to the White House to get her house key and car. Prevented in doing so, she went to a friend's work place, but it was being evacuated also. Next she took the subway to another friend's house. From there she called her landlord and he opened her house door to let her in.

The next day President Bush wanted everyone to go back to work, because he did not want the terrorists to win and shut down the entire city. Each month on the 11th of the month they would have

some type of recognition ceremony in the White House to remember those who had died.

The next two months were very busy at the White House. Mrs. Hanusa worked 15-16 hour days. After the Afghanistan war started, President Bush sent a personal letter to the families of each of the people who died in the war.

Meeting Minutes

There were 14 members and four guests at the Optimist Club meeting on October 24. President Gary Guttau opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dennis White gave the opening prayer. Gary Guttau and Keith Denton provided jokes. Keith Denton contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of his mother's 90th birthday this past week. Dick Baber contributed because he was able to escort his brother Roland on the Honor Flight to Washington DC. Roland was in the Battle of the Bulge.

The speaker on October 31 will be Holly Schwietz, a work experience trainer at the Council Bluffs Goodwill store. Bob Hibbard won the 50-50 drawing and Jim Murray won the attendance drawing, but did not collect it.

CALENDAR

October proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H.

Oct 28 – Can Sorting, 4:00 p.m.

Oct 28 – Football tickets and parking, 6:15 p.m.

Birthdays

Oct 17 Marsha Underwood

Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Oct 6 Eric & Kelly Allen (recognized)

Oct 13 Dale & Dianne Willenborg (recognized)

Oct 17 Dennis & Kay White (recognized)

Speakers

Oct. 31 - Holly Schwietz, Goodwill Work Experience Trainer

Programs

Nov – Steve Irvin

Dec – Jim Clausen

Ole and Lena were sitting down to their usual morning cup of coffee listening to the weather report on the radio. "There will be 3 to 5 inches of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared," the weather report said. "You must park your cars on the odd numbered side of the streets." Ole said, "Okay," and got up from his coffee. The next day they were sitting down with their morning cups of coffee. The weather forecast was, "There will be 2 to 4 inches of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the even numbered side of the streets." Again Ole replied, "Okay," and got up from his coffee. Two days later, again they're sitting down with their cups of coffee and the weather forecast said, "There will be 6 to 8 inches of snow today, and a snow emergency has been declared. You must park your cars on the..." and the power went out and Ole didn't get the rest of the instructions. He turned to Lena, "What am I going to do now, Lena?" Lena replied, "Aw, Ole, just leave the car in the garage today."