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Teaching about Jesus Christ

Christina Jenkins & Kenzie Lawlor spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on March 12. They are missionaries serving in the Treynor area for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. They refer to each other as Sister.

Sr. Jenkins is from Virginia. She has been in Iowa for 3 1/2 months. She is the oldest of four children and has two years left to finish a nursing degree at BYU-Idaho.

Sr. Lawler is from Utah. She has been in Iowa for 8 weeks and is from a family of six, with four sisters and one brother. She has one year left to complete her degree in Public Relations at Utah State University.

Sr. Jenkins and Sr. Lawler are serving an 18 month mission. They pay \$400 a month for their mission, working hard before they leave home to save money. Their parents and friends can help if needed. As missionaries, they volunteer to serve wherever they were sent by the Prophet of the LDS church.

Sr. Lawler and Sr. Jenkins answered a variety of questions. They stated that missionaries are sent to about 300 missions worldwide. There are no missionaries serving in China and several countries of the Middle East, but missionaries serve in most other countries. The local mission has about 150 missionaries and includes Nebraska, Western Iowa, and part of South Dakota. The exact area where they serve can change every six weeks.

A missionary's normal day is to get up at 6:30 a.m. and exercise until 7:00 a.m. Then they get ready for the day, have individual Scripture study for an hour, then companion Scripture study for an hour. They leave their apartment at 10:00 a.m. and teach or give tours at the Mormon Trail Center in North Omaha until 9:00 p.m. when they have to be back in their apartment. The missionaries spend 24 hours a day together. They give tours at the Mormon Trail Center three days a week.

Both missionaries said that the two most important characteristics needed to be a missionary are to love the Savior, Jesus Christ, and to be obedient. Their greatest challenges are teaching the Word of Wisdom and the law of Chastity. The Word of Wisdom is a law of health, which involves taking care of your body and avoiding substances that can harm your body, including tobacco, alcohol, harmful drugs, coffee and tea. The law of Chastity is to abstain from sexual relationships until you are married, and after marriage have a relationship only with your spouse. When asked why coffee and tea are not allowed, they responded that those were included in directions from Prophets.

The Mormon Trail Center currently has sculptures on display depicting events from the life of Jesus Christ. The missionaries said that the sculptures are very inspiring and encourage everyone to come see these

sculptures. It is open seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., with free admission.

Meeting Minutes

Dennis White opened the Optimist Club meeting on March 12 with the Pledge of Allegiance and Gary Guttau gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, Marsh Underwood, Check Nielsen, and Gary Guttau provided jokes. There were 20 members and four guests at the meeting.

Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund because his granddaughter is top in her class at CAM. Steve Irvin contributed because he has a new granddaughter. His son also wrote a paper that was included in a published book.

Kirk Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing. Jeff Nelson won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

There was an Optimist Board meeting after the club meeting. The Board approved the clubs vote from last week to provide up to \$225 for sending packages to Iowa National Guard members in Afghanistan.

The club started planning Bicycle Safety for the Elementary school. They also discussed other possible upcoming events, including Arbor Day tree planting, the flag project, scholarships, and Pitch, Hit, and Run. Can Kennel applications are due 15 March and 15 September, so assignments will be made next month for open dates.

CALENDAR

- Mar 16 - Can Kennel sorting for the Jr. Optimist Club at 3:30 p.m.
- Mar 16 - Quiz bowl helpers needed in the afternoon.
- Mar 30 - Can Kennel sorting at 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays

- Mar 2 - Ward Chambers
- Mar 11 - Kenneth Graham (recognized)
- Mar 20 - Jon Jacobsen

Anniversaries

- Mar 4 - Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 - Keith & Georgia Denton (recognized)
- Mar 15 - Dick & Betty Baber
- Mar 15 - Jeff & Carrie Nelson

Speakers

- Mar 19 - Julie Campbell - Treynor associate for a visually impaired student
- Mar 26 - LeRoy Cobia - Beekeeping

Programs

- Mar - Dale Willenborg
- Apr - Gary Guttau
- May - Keith Denton
- June - Dick Baber
- July - Judy Guttau
- Aug - Treynor Bank Employees
- Sep - Jeff Jorgensen
- Oct - Gary Funkhouser
- Nov - Arlyn Norris
- Dec - Chuck Nielsen

Daylight Savings Time. I have never understood exactly where that extra hour goes. Is it in the same place as those ten pounds I keep losing every year and gaining back every other year? Or maybe they both found a home with all the lost gloves, earrings and umbrellas in the world? Is everything floating somewhere in the ether of the air just waiting for a chance to return and cause havoc?