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Auston Schmidt Speaks

Auston Schmidt spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, February 29 about the Shriners Hospital and the Pull-Tab Collection Program. Austin is from Treynor and his parents are Roger and Christina Schmidt.



Auston is a Shriner. He became one because of the amazing doctors at the Shriners hospital in Minneapolis. In 2010 he went through a lifesaving surgery on his back because he has "Scheurmann's Kyphosis." It is a disease when the vertebrae compress making the spine curve forward.

Without surgery, Auston's back would have continued to curve forward, limiting space for his organs to survive. Auston thanks the Shriners for saving his life. He has 2-18 inch rods in his back and 20 screws.

Shriners Hospital for Children is a non-profit health care system of 22 hospitals around the country dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty care and research. Children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip are eligible for care regardless of the patient's ability to pay. Auston stated his surgery would have cost \$250,000. Because his condition was pre-existing, his family's insurance would not cover it.

The Pull-tabs or "pop-tops" from beverage cans is an easy way you can donate to the Shriners. The tabs are sold to a recycling company and the money collected is used to fund transportation for children to and from Shriners Hospitals and for their medical care. There are approximately 1500 tabs in one pound. Just one pound of pull tabs collected will pay for a wheelchair.

You may drop off tabs at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Treynor, in a container located in both entryways. Auston showed us a way of turning

the tab 180 degrees, then lifting up on the back part to take the tabs off safely.

Let's make this a Treynor effort to help out the children who need specialty care by collecting can pop-tops!

Next week's program will be by Phil Kennedy, speaking about the Treynor Wrestling Program. Join us from 8-9 AM on Saturday at the Treynor Community Building. All are welcome!

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Fourteen members and two guests were present: Auston Schmidt and Delaney Hansen.

Bill shared that today is the date Hank Aaron signed a record-breaking contract with the Atlanta Braves for \$200,000. His number was 44 except for his first year, it was 5.

Jokes/stories were shared by Judy Guttau, Chad Guttau, Gary Funkhouser, and Bill Vorthmann.

The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Chad Guttau, and the Attendance Drawing was won by Chad Guttau!

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

There were no birthdays or anniversaries observed.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

1) Dee Guttau shared that their daughter Lyse, who works at Honeywell, received accolades from her boss that it was an extremely good year and she was very productive. 2) John Klein contributed to state that Cardinal Core had a successful Grades K-2 after school dance on Friday at the school. Next Friday's after school dance is for Grades 3-5. 3) Mick contributed to tell about the SWI Economic Development Meeting held at the East of Omaha event center on main street in Griswold. Over 120 attended

from small towns in 36 communities. The featured speaker was from Webster City. 4) Marsha Underwood donated to share that St. Alberts Girls basketball team are going to state.

Community News:

Several events are happening today (2/29/2020):

1) Treynor Boys Basketball plays Panora at AL (2/29/2020) in the Sub-State Game for the right to play in the state tournament. 2) State Individual Speech Contest. 3) Pheasants Forever Banquet in Treynor.



President Vorthmann presented \$100 and a certificate to **Delaney Hansen**, winner of the Optimist Essay Contest.

Delaney, a junior, read her essay to the club. The topic was: "Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dreams you iMagine?"

Delaney stated her family moved to the Treynor area when she was a freshman. Her English teacher used this as a writing opportunity for the Junior Class to all participate. Delaney will advance to state where the winner will earn \$2500.



L-R: Blake Sadr (2nd), Delaney Hansen (1st), Linnea Swalwell (3rd)

Pictured are the top three medalists in the Treynor Jr. Class Essay Contest.

March 10 is the Elementary/Jr. High Honor Choir Contest

March 12 is the Pops Concert. A meal of lasagna will be served. There will also be a silent auction. New this year is the opportunity to buy an

unbaked lasagna and bread sticks for 12 all for \$25.

March 17 is the Second Grade Concert.

March 20-21 is the Jazz Choir Contest in Underwood.

April 7 is the State Iowa Jazz Competition. Treynor Jazz Band (all male) won Regional and will compete.

Old Business:

John Klein announced he received a letter from the Iowa Urban Tree Program that the Treynor Optimist Club has been awarded the Outstanding Youth Program Award for our Arbor Day past activities for several decades. John and his wife, Carol will attend the awards luncheon in Ankeny on Thursday, April 2. John has led the efforts with our Treynor Optimist Club Arbor Day program of helping elementary students plant trees at the Treynor elementary and high school. Carol will represent the Pott Co. Master Gardeners that have helped annually on this project. Thanks, John, for your great efforts!

Gary Guttau stated two checks remain to be picked up – one scholarship and the Girl Scouts.

New Business:

Mulch Madness will take place this year at the High School either April 6 or 8. This is the Optimists' annual project of helping 5th grade students plant trees and learn the technique and the value of this project.

Chad Guttau stated he would like the Optimist Club to again donate to the Y fundraiser which he helps with. This will be discussed at the board meeting.

The next can kennel sorting will take place at 2:15 on Wednesday, March 4 for Silver Keg Feeders.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and concluded with the saying of the Optimist pledge.

LOST WORDS FROM OUR CHILDHOOD:

These expressions have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology:

- Don't touch that dial!
- Carbon copy
- You sound like a broken record
- Hung out to dry

Calendar

March 4 Can Kennel Sorting- 2:15 PM
April 26 Optimist Youth Appreciation – 3:30 PM

Birthdays

Mar. 11 Ken Graham

Anniversaries

Mar 4 Gene and Erika Seran
Mar. 8 Keith and Georgia Denton

Programs

Mar. Gary Guttau
Apr. Jeff Jorgensen (first two)
Matt Saar (last two)

Speakers

Mar. 7 Phil Kennedy, Treynor Wrestling Coach

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Dues/Donations/Flag Money: Mail to Optimist Club of Treynor, PO Box 354, Treynor, IA 51575