

Optimist Club of Treynor NEWSLETTER

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		John Klein '93-'94
		Kenneth Graham '94-'95

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday, September 28, 1996 at the **Shortline Cafe**. A program is planned by Darrel and Arlida Young about their experiences working with Global Volunteers. Meet at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. The Club meeting starts at 7:30 am. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were twelve members and one guest present. The attendance pot was awarded to ROGER TREDE, but it wasn't collected.

KEITH DENTON announced a Board meeting at the Shortline with Lt. Governor-Elect, Dale Robertson, this Thursday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. Current and Board of Directors-Elect should plan to attend.

JOHN KLEIN reported the pop can drive last Saturday for the Fiesta Bowl Band trip collected 8000 cans last Saturday. This was combined with an additional 4000 cans collected to date to result in \$600 toward the trip fund.

The home-coming football game is this coming Friday. All gate workers should report at 6:15 p.m.

OKINAWA, PAST AND PRESENT

Clyde Holste spoke to Club members about his perspective of Japan. Clyde, who is Postmaster at Hancock and Officer-in-Charge at the Treynor post office, first traveled to Japan while in the military in the

1960's during the Vietnam War period. Clyde explained he was stationed on Okinawa for two years ending in 1967. There he met his wife, Sumiko. Clyde and Sumiko returned to Naha, Okinawa to visit her family in 1972 and in 1995. The Okinawa island is considered a vacation area by the Japanese since is it located at about 26 degrees latitude (comparable to southern Florida) and has a warmer climate than the other Japanese Islands. Clyde stated there have been a great many changes on Okinawa between their 1972 and 1995 visits. All the old governmental buildings and public parks have been rebuilt. Clyde felt there was a concerted effort to improve buildings and attractions on the island for tourists and vacationers. While, according to Clyde, Okinawa has less than the area of Pott County, it has a population comparable to Los Angeles. So it is crowded and space for land development is scarce. The US and Japan have a large military presence on Okinawa. Locals would like to see the military presence reduced and the land used for production. Clyde said it is common to find electric lights strung across fields of flowers to keep them growing continuously.

CALENDAR

- Sept. 28 Board Meeting, Shortline, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Club Meeting, program by Darrel and Arlida Young.
- Oct. 5 Club Meeting, program TBA.

P. S. The smash hit of the circus in the rural town was the beautiful lion tamer. She had the lions completely controlled. At her command, the fiercest lion of the bunch came up to her meekly, put his paw around her and nuzzled her shapely chest.

The crowd thundered its approval. Except one farmer stood and declared, "What's so great about that? Anybody can do it."

The ringmaster challenged him, "Would you lit to try it?"

"You bet I would," replied the farmer. "But first get the lions out of there."

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