

Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, February 27, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, donuts, and fellowship. IRV LARSEN is arranging a program speaker. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were fourteen members and four guests present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to LEN HANSEN, but it wasn't collected. The 50/50 was awarded to IRV LARSEN.

Eagle Scout Kurt Mehlin visited our Club meeting to describe the new Treynor Boy Scout Troop project. Since the Troop has to move out of the Legion Building as it is scheduled for demolition in the future, the Troop has invested in a covered utility trailer for the their gear. Kurt explained that they could use a little more help with the cost.

Emily Heuwinkel, a sophomore at Treynor, was recently selected as a candidate for the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Emily explained to Club members that she is planning to join a group of about 40 other students for a trip to Australia for three weeks this summer. Program activities are designed to teach students about culture and daily lives of the people where they visit. Emily asked if our Club could offer support for her trip.

TIM GREINER circulated an announcement asking for volunteers to be mentors to Treynor Jr.-Sr. High Students. Training will be provided and mentoring takes place during class hours several days per week. If you are interested call Amy Krasne (366-6535).

KEVIN reminder officers that a Board meeting was scheduled after the next Club meeting. There are several projects coming up to be discussed.

KEITH DENTON asked if the Club was interested in sponsoring a Farm Safety Day this year. He said he would check into resources available.

JOHN KLEIN indicated he would talk to Treynor Junior Women about jointly sponsoring a Baby-sitting Clinic this Spring.

The boy's basketball tournament is just around the corner on March 13. Let LES HARVEY know when and how you can help.

HOW TO MAKE HISTORY COME ALIVE

Joe Constant always thought of history as rather dull and distant as he took the required school courses. That was until he found how he is related to a succession of Constants going back seven generations in America to about 1690 when they migrated from France because of religious persecution. Some of his early kin were part of the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, the War of 1812, Indian fighting, and the Revolutionary War. By researching the records of the military conflicts Joe has found much to define his ancestors and the times of their lives. This information illuminates historic events in a personal context, Joe explained, and makes history come alive. One of Joe's ancestors worked for George Washington as a chainman on a survey crew. Another served Colonel Daniel Boone's militia in Kentucky. Another was an early circuit rider spreading the Protestant religion around the New World settlements.

CALENDAR

- Feb. Club Display in Treynor State Bank.
- Feb. 27 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 27 Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Mar. 6 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 13 Club meeting ??
- Mar. 13 Boy's Basketball Tournament.
- Mar. 14 Second Winter Swim Day.
- Apr. 6 Treynor HS Track Meet, Gate workers, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.
- Apr. 10 O.I. President's Visit, Amana, IA.
- Apr. 24 Zone Oratorical Contest, Underwood Middle School, 9 a.m.
- Apr. 26 Zone 4 Meeting, Underwood, UMBA.
- May 1 Youth Appreciation Dinner?

- BIRTHDAYS MAR 2 WARD CHAMBERS
- MAR 2 JERYL UNDERWOOD
- ANNIVERSARIES MAR 4 GENE SERAN

P.S A Kentucky farm couple always showed up together at the farm meeting. The husband, Sam, was a very heavy tobacco chewer, and was never seen without a trickle of juice running down the side of his mouth and chin. Sam was definitely an eyesore, and people couldn't understand how his beautiful, loving wife Roseanne had put up with him all those years

One day on of the farm ladies asked, "How can you stand all that tobacco juice? It's disgusting. Why don't you leave him?"

"I'd have walked out long ago," Roseanne admitted, "but I simply couldn't bear the thought of kissing him goodbye."