

Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism

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Club Officers for '98-'99		Board of Directors		Past Presidents	
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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, March 6, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, donuts, and fellowship. An unnamed Club member 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 seventeen members present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was collected by TIM GREINER. The 50/50 was awarded to JERYL UNDERWOOD.

Our sympathy goes to VIRGIL and Ethel HOLST on the loss of their daughter, Linda.

A birthday greeting to JERYL coaxed one of the 50/50 dollars from him for the youth fund.

GARY FUNKHOUSER was given the new member oath by KEVIN. LES HARVEY is the sponsor of GARY.

JOHN KLEIN announced there was a poster in the Treynor Post Office for everyone to express their best wishes to the Treynor girl's basketball team on their qualification to the state playoffs for the 6th year in a row. A pep rally is planned Sunday afternoon.

JOHN also announced that he had made arrangements for a Baby-sitting Clinic for interested Treynor youth in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The clinic will start March 29 and continue on April 4, 6, and 19. Talk to you kids and grand kids about their interest. The clinic will be led by Mary Kouric from the Extension Service. JOHN said he would check with the Treynor Junior Women about helping with the project.

LES said he had discussed plans for the Oratorical Contest with speech teacher, Gayle Richter. Two classes are expected to participate.

LARRY KRAMER announced that the date for the Bike Safety Day at the Treynor Elementary School was set for April 29.

LES also stated that the boy's basketball tournament was canceled since he could not find enough participants for our scheduled date.

At the Board Meeting a contribution of \$50 to the Scout Troop for their trailer fund was approved. Also approved was \$50 for Emily Heuwinkel for her People to People Student Ambassador trip to Australia. The Newsletter will be circulated by BOB

HIBBARD and ED UNDERWOOD for the time being. LARRY circulated a copy of the Club Bylaws for review. Copies of last year's financial summary and the current year summary were also circulated.

WHAT ABOUT OPTIMIST YOUTH CLUBS?

LARRY presented information to Club members about the purpose and organization of Junior Optimist Octagon International (JOOI) youth clubs. As club members, youth are encouraged and challenged to develop leadership, communication, and decision-making skills through voluntary community service. LARRY explained that youth clubs could be organized at three age levels. Alpha Clubs are for elementary students in 1st to 4th grades. Junior Optimist clubs are for middle school grades 5th to 8th. Octagon Clubs are for high school grades 9th to 12th. Each club sets its own agenda and has a different focus of planned activities, but the overall objective is to develop self-esteem and pride of community. A sponsoring adult club, an adult advisor, and at least 20 interested youth are needed to form a club. Think about it. Would this be a benefit to the Treynor community?

CALENDAR

- Mar. 6 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 13 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 14 Second Winter Swim Day.
- Mar. 20 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 27 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 27 Board meeting after regular meeting.
- Mar. 29 1st Baby Sitting Clinic Session.
- 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. 22 Highway 92 Cleanup with Cub Scouts.
- Apr. 24 Zone Oratorical Contest, Underwood Middle School, 9 a.m.
- Apr. 25 Cub Scout Pine Wood Derby
- Apr. 26 Zone 4 Meeting, Underwood, UMBA.
- Apr. 29 Bike Safety Day.
- May 1 Youth Appreciation Dinner.

BIRTHDAYS 3/8 GEORGE SCHNEIDER
3/11 KENNETH GRAHAM

ANNIVERSARIES 3/4 GENE SERAN
3/8 KEITH DENTON

P.S "Now, how many of you would like to go to heaven?" Asked the Sunday school teacher. All the eager three-year-olds raised their hands except Tommy. "I'm sorry, I can't." he said. "My mother told me to come right home after Sunday school."