



Vision 2000 of Optimism



"Lighting the Way" in the Iowa District, Zone 4

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FRIENDS OF YOUTH

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, August 5, 2000 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Coffee, juice, and rolls will be available at 6:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were 16 members and two guests present. President GENE SERAN presided. The attendance pot was awarded to KEVIN ELWOOD, but it was not claimed. MARSHA UNDERWOOD won the 50/50.

JOHN KLEIN reminded everyone the next can and bottle sort and sack with the Cub Scouts is August 2 at 7 p.m.

LARRY KRAMER circulated a sign-up sheet for contributors of pies for the concessions at the upcoming Horse Show this coming Sunday. A few more helpers are needed in the "office" and concessions throughout the day. Gatekeepers are needed to keep the horse traffic in order.

GENE reminded everyone about the potluck picnic with the Treynor Junior Women at the Treynor East Park shelter house this coming Saturday at 6 p.m. Drinks (tea, lemonade, coffee, and water) will be furnished. Everyone bring a dish or two to share with others and table service. At about 7 p.m. the softball challenge will begin between the Optimists and family members and the Treynor Junior Women and family members. Bring any softball equipment you have. There will be a participation fee of \$1 for players and \$2 for spectators. The winner takes the pot for their favorite project. JOHN has worked up the rules (hope we can get some advantage here). Pitching tryouts are still open.

VIRGIL HOLST announced the flag lighting project was progressing. They need a cool day to do some wiring in the concession building.

LES HARVEY indicated he was planning to move the Optimist sign closer to the city limits on the west side.

HELPING TO EDUCATE IN HONDURAS

Becky Addickes enthusiastically spoke to Club members about her experiences this past year working to educate youth in Honduras. Becky, who is from rural Macedona, is a recent graduate from Creighton University with a degree in Special Education. She explained that she was looking to do some post graduate volunteer work and found an opportunity to work at an orphanage in Honduras. The facility is privately funded by donations and was established five years ago by the Farm of the Child

organization from Missouri. On the orphanage grounds are housing for fifty youth and an elementary school for grades 1 to 6. Becky explained she teaches thirteen students in the 2nd grade, but her students range from 6 to 10 years old. Becky is also the principal of the school. According to Becky the school has 75 students, and some students come from residences outside the orphanage grounds. She has 5 other teachers and a helper on the school staff. A big challenge, Becky noted, is teaching and administrating the school using the native Spanish language, especially interacting with employees and administration offices of the state and higher schools. Becky has signed up for a 27-mo tour, so she is on her way back the Honduras to begin another school year. The orphanage is in a rural setting, Becky explained, and the way of life in this tropical region is subsistence farming for many. When asked if she enjoyed the bananas of Honduras, Becky exclaimed, "I never see them. They are all shipped away to foreign markets." Becky indicated she could be reached at the following address:

Rebecca Adickes
Finca del Nino
Apartado Postal #110
Trujillo, Colon
Honduras C.A.

Additional information about this mission to help youth in Honduras can be obtained from:

Farm of the Child Missouri
c/o Terry Werner
653 Yeary School Rd
Steelville, MO 63565

CALENDAR

- Aug.: Can Collection for Boy Scouts.
- Aug. 5 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Aug. 5 Picnic and Softball with TJW, 6 p.m.
- Aug. 6 Horseshow at Westfair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Aug. 11-13 Iowa District Convention, Marshalltown.
- Aug. 12 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Aug. 19 Club meeting, program TBA.

BIRTHDAYS	8/1 CRAIG McCLELLAN
	8/15 JOAN MARTIN
	8/16 VIRGIL HOLST
ANNIVERSARIE	8/9 TIM GREINER
	8/13 JERRY HEMPEL
	8/18 RICHARD SAAR
	8/25 GARY FUNKHOUSER
	(# recognized to date)

P.S. One of the biggest jobs politicians face is getting the money from taxpayers without disturbing the voters.

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