

THANKFUL FOR: 7 MONTHS OF HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL OPERATION AS AN OPTIMIST CLUB!! HOPEFUL FOR: MANY MORE MONTHS & YEARS OF GREATER SUCCESS BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND DEDICATION!

NOTE: Be sure to plan to retain this bulletin or this page for your future reference as a concerned and involved OPTIMIST MEMBER!!

1. A SPECIAL MEETING of officers, board members, committee chairpersons was held with LT. GOV. Kirk Johnson after the regular meeting Nov. 17, 1984. Seven members were present.

2. The Iowa District is divided into 10 Zones. We are in Zone 2. Other CLUBS in Zone 2: (We show here the place and time of their weekly meetings for your use.)

Carter Lake Club: Nite Hawkes Cafe, 7 p.m. Wednesdays

Council Bluffs Club: Thumbs Cafe, 7:00 am Thursdays

Hi Noon, Council Bluffs Club: Club 64--12 Noon Tuesdays

Missouri Valley Club: Happy Chef on I-29; 7:00 am. Saturdays

Sunrise Club, Lewis CB., Blue Ox at 7:00 a.m. Wednesdays

Underwood Club, U.M.B.A. Hall, 7:30 a.m. Saturdays

West End Club, C.B., Queen of Apostles School Cafeteria, 7:00 pm Mondays

VISITING OTHER CLUBS: Other clubs are always pleased to have you visit. If you wish to organize an official CLUB VISITATION, four of you can arrange to do this. Check with your President or Secretary/Treasurer.

3. **POSSIBLE GOALS FOR OUR CLUB DURING THE COMING YEAR. These are outcomes of the meeting with Lt. Gov. Kirk Johnson, Nov. 17 after our regular meeting.**

- a. Set up a carefully considered annual budget for the year in advance.
- b. Plan a regular audit of our books. Should be mutually beneficial for all concerned.
- c. Develop a strong fellowship program. Plan socials and events for the Club Members. -----and for spouses or friends.
- d. Prepare an annual "specific" calendar for the entire year in advance.
 - (1) Appoint committees to be responsible for each event during the year.
----Committees can plan ahead so they are not functioning under "pressure."
- e. Set Goal to become an HONOR CLUB during the coming year. (As we check the awards book, it appears this would not be extremely difficult to do. It would require organization, planning, and some special emphasis on membership.)
- f. Seek a net increase in membership of 10 members to a membership of 58.
- g. Make special effort to have our Club represented at Zone Meetings, District Meetings, and National Meetings.
 - (1) Next District Meeting is Feb. 9, 1985, at Carroll, Iowa.
 - (2) District Convention is in Council Bluffs August 8,9,10,11. (Because of its closeness to us, we hope many members of our Club will put this date series on their calendars and plan to attend.) (OUR DISTRICT is the total State of Iowa)
 - (3) The International President Visit: Ames, Iowa--May 4, 1985 at Amana.
 - (4) There will be 8 Zone Meetings this year. Places & dates to be announced by Lt. Gov. Kirk Johnson.

4. We need to develop our own Club By Laws as we wish them to work for us. We are using a "canned" set of by-laws sent by the International Office at this time.

NOTE: In 3. g. above: Any member is welcome to attend any meeting in Optimist Club Organization. IF YOU ARE FREE and would like to attend any of these, contact President Gene Grell. (If you aspire to leadership in OPTIMISM, attendance at any or all of these meetings would be invaluable to you and to your Club.)

5. We need to consider seriously: providing reimbursement for expenses to officers or to persons who officially represent us at meetings away from our local meetings.

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL CONSIDER REORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES: Please note!!

1. When we were organized in March the establishment of committees was a hurried and estimated act.
2. We have about 7 months of experience as Optimists now. WITH YOUR HELP, WE WANT TO REORGANIZE THE COMMITTEES.
 - a. Committee work and function is essential for the Club to succeed.
 - b. This is NOT AS DEMANDING AS IT MIGHT SEEM. If you will organize a meeting, make plans, set goals. The value which accrues to a great number of persons from the concentrated plans and work of a few on a committee make it worth the while AND IT SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN AN HOUR OR SO EACH MONTH. It is a matter of setting your priorities!!
 - c. We will be asking you for a preference of a committee. (or your first three choices.)
3. Your officers will be in touch with you concerning this activity. THIS ACTION IS CRITICAL SO THAT WE CAN SET AN ANNUAL CALENDAR AND BUDGET.

OPTIMISM HELPS KIDS: THE COMMUNITY; and changes your life style for the better!!