

Optimist Club of Treynor NEWSLETTER

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday, March 9, 1996 at **Shortline Cafe** Meet at 6:30 a.m. for breakfast, and fellowship. The Club meeting starts at 7:30 a.m. Because of the need for several members to be at the high school early for the basketball tournament there will not be a program speaker.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were seventeen members and one guest present. The attendance pot was awarded to **TOM JOHNSON**. It was nice of Sgt.-at-Arms, **VIRGIL HOLST**, to let TOM draw his own name. By the way, you'd better wear some red for **VIRGIL** at the next meeting.

LES HARVEY reported that the 7th and 8th grade boy's basketball tournament plans are nearly complete. The sign up sheet was circulated again for the work tasks. Thanks to all who have signed in on the schedule. A few more helpers are needed during the third shift (2-5 p.m.) There will be eight games through the day from about 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

KEITH DENTON announced that interest is growing for an Optimist Club in Malvern. March 21 has been set for an organizational meeting there. Discussions with potential members are ongoing. Check with **KEITH** or **LES** to see how you can help.

KENNETH GRAHAM suggested we plan the Highway 92 clean up day on Earth Day this Spring. He is going to check out the specific date.

TOM circulated copies of the Optimist catalog of personal and gift items.

Remember our March 9 and 16 activities.

IOWA WEST FOUNDATION GRANTS ARE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Leo Olsen spoke to Club members about the activities of the Iowa West Racing Association and the Iowa West Foundation. Leo is a member of both groups. The Racing Association is a nonprofit license holder for Bluffs Run and the two casino boats in Council Bluffs. From the dog track and the casinos income to the Association, the Foundation distributes grants to charities and public entities in southwest Iowa. Leo stated the goal of Iowa West is to make the community a better place to live. One of the larger grants has been designated as matching funds for the new Council Bluffs library building. Leo indicated that grants are being offered twice a year now, but there have been fifty applications to each one approved. According to Leo the Foundation favors proposals which will create a lasting benefit for the community. He indicated Treynor has not submitted many grant requests and he encouraged Treynor citizens to develop plans and submit an application for Foundation funds. Matching funds are favored, but are not required.

CALENDAR

- Mar. 9 Club Meeting.
- Mar. 9 Boys Basketball Tournament, Treynor High School, 7 & 8th grade. 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Mar. 10 Second Free Swim Day for Treynor youth, L.C. Middle School Pool, 1 - 4 p.m.
- Mar. 16 Club meeting, program by Roger Beck, USAF, Bosnian Conflict.
- Mar. 16 Treynor Youth Wrestling Tournament.
- Mar. 23 Sharon Breden. Iowa Mormon Trail Scout.
- Mar. 30 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 30 District Meeting, OI President's Visit, Des Moines.

P S. A successful farm machinery dealer was on his deathbed. He summoned his best friend and make him promise to see that his mortal remains would be cremated.

The friend agreed, but cautiously asked, "What would you want me to do with the ashes?"

"Place them in an envelope," gasped the dying man, "and send them to the Collector of Internal revenue and tell him: 'Now you have everything.'"

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