

Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism

Club Officers for '98-'99	Board of Directors		Past Presidents	
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			Larry Kramer, '90-'91	Les Harvey, '97-'98

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, January 16, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, donuts, and fellowship. KEITH DENTON has invited Dave Richter to present a program about his African trip. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were seventeen members and one guest present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to LES HARVEY. The 50/50 was awarded to TIM GREINER.

We were so excited to be having a meeting after the planned and unplanned skips the past couple of weeks that birthdays and anniversaries were overlooked. We will catch up at the next meeting.

RICHARD VORTHMANN reported a net of over \$500 from the Spaghetti Dinner. Very good!

Correction—two Christmas Food Baskets were distributed, not one as noted in the previous Newsletter. Thanks, again, VIRGIL HOLST for your help with this project.

JOHN KLEIN explained the Iowa Honor Band of about 250 members had a wonderful time at the Fiesta Bowl. Regretfully, little of their activities there were telecast for the home crowd as the focus was on the "National Championship" football game. In addition to the 5-mi parade before the Bowl game, a highlight experience for band members was carrying the giant American Flag across the football field. Thanks to JOHN'S leadership in fund raising, he had to worry about an excess after the trip. Way to go, JOHN!

President KEVIN noted the 2nd Quarter Iowa District meeting was coming up Feb. 6 in Des Moines. New officers and Board members are encouraged to attend.

LARRY KRAMER announced the meeting for the Southwest Iowa Saddle Club would be next Saturday evening at Mineola to set the horse show schedule for this year. He will check out open dates at Carson as well as Westfair.

LES indicated he had some Treynor student participants in the O.I. Essay competition and that the Oratorical competition will follow this Spring.

LES and LARRY will work on details for a display of Club information in the Treynor State Bank lobby windows during February.

KEVIN, JERYL, and MARSHA UNDERWOOD, and LARRY and Sharon KRAMER attended the 40th Anniversary Dinner for the Council Bluffs Optimist Club. O.I. Vice President Rebecca Mona and Iowa District Governor Ed Minard attended along with representatives of several other Optimist clubs from the region. Seventy Optimist clubs have lineage to the Council Bluffs Club. Fifteen years ago our Club was formed by dedicated Council Bluffs Club members.

A CALL FROM RETIREMENT

Interim-superintendent of the Treynor School District, Gary Funkhauser described his perspectives of the Treynor school operations since he took the superintendent position temporarily last summer upon the retirement of LEW HAACK. Gary noted he had also retired for about a month, when he changed his mind and responded to the need of the Treynor Schools. With 42 years in education as teacher, school administrator, and an Iowa state education official, Gary has a broad view of the state of K through 12 education. He noted that unlike a number of smaller school districts in Iowa, the student enrollment at Treynor is continuing to increase (26% the past ten years). This plus increasing property value assessments in the district will help keep the Treynor schools in good financial condition, Gary emphasized. He noted there is a need for more teaching staff, and some additional building maintenance. But the facilities are overall excellent, the teaching staff is very good and the students are the best he has ever worked with, Gary stated. So, retirement is not in his mind for a while.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 16 Club meeting, program by Dave Richter.
- Jan. 16 SISCO planning meeting.
- Jan. 22 1st Quarter A&A Report due to District.
- Jan. 23 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jan. 24 Swim Days at Lewis Central Pool.
- Jan. 25 Zone 4 Meeting, Macedonia.
- Jan. 30 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 6 2nd Quarter District Meeting, Des Moines.
- Feb 28 O.I. Youth Essays due to District.

BIRTHDAYS 12/31 JEFF NELSON
ANNIVERSARIES 1/1 BOB HIBBARD

P.S. A panda bear entered a restaurant, ordered food, ate it, shot the waiter and began to walk out.

Somebody protested, saying, "You can't do that!"

And the panda said, "It's in the dictionary."

They looked it up, and the dictionary said, 'Panda eats shoots and leaves.'

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