

Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, January 30, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, donuts, and fellowship. KEITH DENTON has invited Tom Bruning to tell us about his work as a greenhouse manager. 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 two guests present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to ED UNDERWOOD and he promptly emptied it. The 50/50 was awarded to KEVIN UNDERWOOD—again!

KEVIN thanked all who took down the Christmas tree the previous Saturday.

He said to welcome Gary Funkhouser as our newest member.

JOHN KLEIN reminded everyone about the Swim Day Sunday. He also announced a invitation from the Cub Scout Pack for Club members to attend their Blue and Gold Banquet at the Treynor High School on February 21 at 4:45 p.m.

The agenda for the 2nd Quarter Iowa District meeting on Feb. 6 in Des Moines was circulated. Registration is \$13 before the meeting date. This includes lunch. At least one van is planning to go. There is room for a couple more. Let KEVIN or LARRY KRAMER know soon if you want to go along to learn more about Optimism and meet optimistic Iowans.

BILL STEPHENS announced that the date of June 19 was available at the City Park for our 15th Anniversary Celebration. Members agreed to reserve the date. Let the planning begin.

JOHN asked for an expression of interest in another summer picnic and softball challenge with the Treynor Junior Women. There was general agreement to do it again, although it would be better if we could find something to win at.

LARRY said he would get with LES HARVEY this week to chose the Club activities to highlight in the display at Treynor State Bank in February

LES is currently collecting Optimist Essays from Treynor students. The essay selected for our Club

winner will be forwarded to the Iowa District for selection of the District winning essay.

KEVIN, LARRY, MARSHA UNDERWOOD, and BOB HIBBARD attended the Zone 4 meeting called by Lt. Governor Beth Kennedy at Macedonia Monday night. Randy Spilker from the Griswold Club spoke about the merits of Optimist membership. Dale Robertson from Underwood spoke about the Optimist Personal Growth and Involvement program available to all members. Dale is District Chair for this activity.

A MODERN SAFARI

Dale Haven of Council Bluffs described his experiences on hunting safaris in Zimbabwe, Africa in 1989 and 1995. Dale is a taxidermist and an avid outdoorsman. He is a member of Ducks Unlimited and Safari Clubs International. Dale explained that safari hunting is a main source of income to many people in Africa, so preservation of wild life is very important to them. The wild life resource is so important that poachers are often shot when caught, Dale explained. Hunting is highly regulated to sustain the wild life populations, more than in the U. S., Dale noted. Some private land holdings that cover many square miles have high perimeter fences and are managed as game reserves. There is some hunting on government controlled land, also. Dale described the comforts that are provided on modern safaris. On the last trip Dale's wife accompanied him and found the trip very enjoyable, also.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 30 Club meeting, program by Horticulturist and Greenhouse Manager, Tom Bruning.
- Jan. 30 Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Feb. Club Display in Treynor State Bank.
- Feb. 6 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 6 2nd Quarter District Meeting, Des Moines.
- Feb 28 O.I. Youth Essays due to District.
- Mar. 13 Boy's Basketball Tournament.
- Apr. 10 O.I. President's Visit, Amana, IA.

BIRTHDAYS none
ANNIVERSARIES none

P.S. A farmer was called by the I. R. S. to explain a deduction. He was disputing the rule that a baby born in January could not be entered as a deduction on the previous year's tax schedule.
"Why not?" asked the cross farmer. "It was last year's business."

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