

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, February 6, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, donuts, and fellowship. IRV LARSEN is arranging a program speaker. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were fourteen members and three guests present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to GENE SERAN, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to ED UNDERWOOD who won the attendance pot last week. Saving for a trip to Florida, ED?

BOB HIBBARD introduced his guest Craig McClellan. Craig is our newest new Club member. He was voted in at the Board meeting after the regular meeting. Welcome him at our next meeting.

An updated Club roster is being distributed with this Newsletter.

KEVIN announced that LES HARVEY was selected the Optimist of the 1st Quarter for our Club. Since LES couldn't be at the meeting, KEVIN gave to MILLI HARVEY a certificate for LES prepared by Lt. Governor Beth Kennedy.

May 1 was targeted as the date for our Youth Appreciation Dinner. Details will be worked out and announced later.

JOHN KLEIN reported participation at the first 1999 Winter Swim Day totaled 47 from Treynor and 56 from Macedonia and Carson. Club members encouraged JOHN to plan for another Swim Day since it was so well attended.

LES has received two O.I. essays from Treynor students. The first place essay will be forwarded to the Iowa District competition later this month.

At the Board meeting a contribution of \$75 for the After-the-Prom Committee was approved. Also, the Board decided to continue to meet at Saint Paul's indefinitely as long as the invitation stands.

A committee to plan details for the Anniversary Picnic in June is being formed. Your ideas are needed. Let KEVIN know your thoughts.

Remember the 2nd Quarter Iowa District meeting will be held Feb. 6 in Des Moines. KEVIN, LARRY, and MARSHA UNDERWOOD are planning to be

there. All officers are encouraged to go to learn more about the Optimist program throughout Iowa.

Mark your calendar to help with the boy's basketball tournament planned March 13. Your help is needed from about 8 a.m. to about 4 p.m. whether it is for a few hours or all day.

FLOWER PLANTS FOR YOU AND ME

Club members were informed about the greenhouse business by Tom Bruning of rural Treynor, who manages part of the Dallas Johnson Company operations in Council Bluffs. Tom, who has a Master's degree in horticulture from Iowa State University, is in charge of about 4 acres of greenhouses where they grow out many varieties of flowers for the retail market. Recently, Tom explained, he and his work crew started 150,000 geranium cuttings. At other times they may be starting thousands of poinsettias or seeding hundreds of trays of pansies. According to Tom they use automated equipment as much as possible to fill pots, plant seeds in flats, and transplant seedlings from flats to trays. Tom said it is a challenge to keep up with the management of water, nutrients, and light to meet the specific needs of each plant type as they grow from small seedlings to marketable size. From the Dallas Johnson operations, Tom noted, plants are distributed to retailers in eight states in the region. An interesting part of his job, Tom explained, was selecting plants to be produced for consumers. There are always new varieties of plants being developed to interest customers--like you and me.

CALENDAR

- Feb. Club Display in Treynor State Bank.
- Feb. 6 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 6 2nd Quarter District Meeting, Des Moines, Iv. 6 a.m., rtn. 4 p.m.
- Feb. 13 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 20 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Feb. 28 O.I. Youth Essays due to District.
- Mar. 13 Boy's Basketball Tournament.
- Apr. 10 O.I. President's Visit, Amana, IA.
- Apr. 24 Zone Oratorical Contest, Underwood?

- BIRTHDAYS 2/5 LARRY KRAMER
- ANNIVERSARIES 2/1 GERALD FORRISTALL
- 2/9 DAN SCHNEPEL

P.S. The best way to enjoy a beautiful, productive garden is to live next door to one, and cultivate your neighbor.

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