

# NEWSLETTER

## *Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism*

Club Officers for '98-'99		Board of Directors		Past Presidents	
President	Kevin Underwood	'97-'99	'98-'00	Gene Grell, '84-'85	Al Strohhenn, '91-'92
Int. V. Pres.	Bob Hibbard	Irv Larsen	Marsha Underwood	Tom Ryan, '85-'86	Larry Kramer, '92-'93
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Past Pres.	Les Harvey			Charles Branham, '88-'89	Keith Denton, '95-'96
				Jim Clausen, '89-'90	Ed Underwood, '96-'97
				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, February 13, 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 fifteen members and two guests present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD, MARSHA UNDERWOOD, and LARRY KRAMER were attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Iowa District Optimist meeting in Des Moines. The attendance pot was awarded to WARD CHAMBERS, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to MILLI HARVEY.

Since LARRY was not present to receive his birthday greeting from the Club, ED UNDERWOOD volunteered to listen to the singing, instead, as his birthday is coming up next week. He even paid a dollar for the privilege.

GERALD FORRISTALL paid a dollar to reminisce about his wedding anniversary.

While money was rolling across the table, MILLI paid a dollar for a personal announcement. She said she recently transferred to Marilyn Lang the Treynor Pride Basket project. MILLI started 22 years ago this program of meeting new citizens who moved into or who were born into the Treynor community.

VIRGIL HOLST noted that everyone should see the Club display in the Treynor State Bank entrance. Thanks to LES and MILLI HARVEY and LARRY KRAMER for putting it up.

LES announced that Treynor High School Principal, Tom Vint, asked the Club members if they could help collect gate receipts at high school track meets this Spring. Six persons will be needed each time on April 6, 19, and 20 and May 11. Club members agreed to help. A sign up sheet was circulated. The duty times will be 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in April and an hour earlier in May.

LES presented to Club members two Optimist Essays from Treynor students written on the topic "If I could give freedom away." The first place essay will be forwarded to the Iowa District competition.

LES announced a nice certificate of appreciation was received from the Iowa Department of Transportation addressed to our Club and to the Cub Scouts for our joint Adopt-A-Highway efforts. The certificate is presently on display at the bank.

JOHN KLEIN has arranged for the second Winter Swim Day for Treynor youth and families on March 14. Mark your calendars and get the word around.

REMEMBER 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.

### REGULATING THE GAMES

Karen Larsen spoke about the administrative side of Casino operations in Council Bluffs. Karen is a Gaming Regulator with the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. One of her primary responsibilities is to see that Casino workers meet the criteria to get a work license that is required of all casino employees. Her office is the largest licensing office in Iowa because of the concentration of casinos here. Reviewing health records, credit checks, immigration work permits, and criminal records for all applicants is very challenging, Karen noted, as the majority of Casino employees are transient and annual employee turnover is high. Karen also is responsible to see that the Casino is run according to the Iowa Code on Racing and Gaming. Competition among the three Council Bluffs Casinos to be the best operation is good, Karen stated. Each very much wants to follow the rules and avoid adverse publicity and fines. According to Karen, one of the biggest management problems for the casinos is dealing with minors who want to gamble illegally, and parents who leave their children in the parking lot or public areas while they are in the casino.

### CALENDAR

Feb.	Club Display in Treynor State Bank.
Feb. 13	Club meeting, program TBA.
Feb. 20	Club meeting, program TBA.
Feb. 27	Club meeting, program TBA.
Mar. 13	Boy's Basketball Tournament.
Mar. 14	Second Winter Swim Day.
Apr. 10	O.I. President's Visit, Amana, IA.
Apr. 24	Zone Oratorical Contest, Underwood Middle School, 9 a.m.
Apr. 26	Zone 4 Meeting, Underwood, UMBA.
May 1	Youth Appreciation Dinner?

BIRTHDAYS      2/12 RICHARD VORTHMANN  
                          2/13 ED UNDERWOOD

ANNIVERSARIES      none

P.S.      A taxpayer is one who doesn't have to pass a civil service Examination to work for the government.

### THANKS TO LES HARVEY FOR NEWSLETTER NOTES

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