

# 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 Strohbehn, '91-'92   |
| Int. V. Pres. Bob Hibbard      | Irv Larsen         | Marsha Underwood  | Tom Ryan, '85-'86        | Larry Kramer, '92-'93   |
| Ext. V. Pres. George Schneider | Keith Denton       | Bill Stephens     | Fritz Holst, '86-'87     | John Klein, '93-'94     |
| Sec./Treas. Richard Vorthmann  | Larry Kramer       | Gerald Forristall | William Burris, '87-'88  | Kenneth Graham, '94-'95 |
| 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     |

April 12, 1999

Vol. 15 No. 24

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, April 17, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for coffee, hot chocolate, orange juice, donuts, and fellowship. GERALD FORRISTALL has arranged for Council Bluffs Police Detective, Al White, to speak. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

### REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were nineteen members and one guest present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to TIM GRIENER, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to RICHARD VORTHMANN.

Thanks to BOB HIBBARD, CRAIG McCLELLAN, BILL VORTHMANN, LARRY KRAMER, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, and JOHN KLEIN for working the gate at the first Treynor track meet of the season. The next two meets at Cardinal Field are on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April.

LES HARVEY reported that the O. I. Oratorical contest participation certificates and medals were distributed to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students at an assembly at the high school last Thursday. GENE SERAN, MILLI HARVEY, BOB, LARRY, and KEVIN assisted. First place medals were received by Teresa Brooks and Brian Leber. Second place medals were received by Jennifer Owens and Matt Zimmerman, and third place medals were received by Laura Saar and Zach Chambers.

LARRY reported at the Horse Show date of August 15 was cleared with Westfair.

LES reported he had the student nominees for recognition at the upcoming Youth Appreciation Dinner to be held at The Rose.

KEVIN asked Club members if they would support a pre-season little league baseball tournament. RICK HORTON is soliciting interest from other communities and will report the status of plans.

JOHN, LES, and BOB are working on a proposal for a pop can collection project for presentation at the next board meeting.

### THE BUTCHER SHOP IS A CHANGING

Bruce Bremser is the manager of the meat department at the Madison Avenue Council Bluffs HyVee Food Store. He has worked at HyVee since 1979 and has worked at meat

cutting since 1966. Bruce explained how the business of meat cutting for retail sale has changed the past thirty years. Each of the three main meats--beef, pork, and poultry, has had change in the way the products are prepared and presented to the consumer. No longer does beef or pork come to the grocery store as hanging carcass or poultry as whole birds to be cut up into retail package size. Bruce noted that less and less meat cutting is being done at the meat department of the retail store. According to Bruce much of the final cutting and packaging will be done at the slaughter facility in the near future. He showed an Iowa Chop package of pork he received that was already packaged for retail sale. The meat was wrapped on a tray pack and encased in a plastic bag filled with an inert gas to exclude oxygen from the meat and increase the storage life. The external bag is removed before the meat is set on the retail counter. Bruce offered his opinion that the retail meat department work is shifting from cutting and packaging to meat promotion or educating the consumer about the preparation and value of various meat cuts.

### CALENDAR

- Apr. 17 Club meeting, program by Al White, C. B. Police Dept.
- Apr. 22 Highway 92 Cleanup with Cub Scouts, 3:30 p.m., Elementary school.
- Apr. 24 Club meeting, program by Hubert Houser, State Representative.
- Apr. 24 Zone Oratorical Contest, Underwood Middle School, 9 a.m.
- Apr. 24 Board meeting after regular meeting.
- Apr. 26 Zone 4 Meeting, Underwood, UMBA.
- Apr. 29 Bike Safety Day, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Elementary School playground.
- May 1 Youth Appreciation Dinner, The Rose restaurant.
- May 27 Farm Safety Day, 1 p.m.

- BIRTHDAYS 3/30 TIM GREINER  
4/13 RICK HORTON
- ANNIVERSARIES 4/7 JIM CLAUSEN  
4/10 GEORGE SCHNEIDER

P.S A farm wife was entertaining the small son of a friend. "Are you sure, Micky," she said, "that you can cut you own meat?"

"I think so," Micky replied. "We've had it this tough at home before, too."

FRIENDS OF YOUTH