

## *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, April 24, 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 Iowa State Representative Hubert Houser 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 CRAIG McCLELLAN, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to LARRY KRAMER.

GEORGE SCHNEIDER recalled the occasion of his wedding to Lillie and paid a dollar to the youth fund for the opportunity.

LES HARVEY announced that the invitation letters have been sent to Treynor students selected for recognition at the Youth Appreciation Dinner. Club members and guests need to let LES know by the next Club meeting of their plans to attend this special occasion to be held at The Rose Restaurant. A Treynor Teacher of the Year will be also recognized. In addition, there will be a guest speaker and recognition of the student winners of the Oratorical and Essay Contests.

KEVIN announced that the April Board meeting would follow the next Club meeting.

JOHN KLEIN presented a draft proposal for a year-round pop can collection project. Some issues regarding the location, the collection structure, and the redemption method are still being worked out. The proposal will be considered at the Board meeting.

REMINDER—The Highway Clean up with the Cub Scouts will be this Thursday after school. All available Optimists are needed.

**THE FRUSTRATION OF WHITE-COLLAR CRIME**

Council Bluffs Police Detective, Al White, discussed his work clearing bad check and forgery cases, which are often referred to as 'white-collar' crimes. Al has been with the police force twenty-

five years and has been a detective for ten years. He has concentrated on bad checks and forgery because he is successful in finding those criminals. It usually takes communication and cooperation among several offices and organizations, Al explained. He often presents programs to business employees to help them avoid bad checks and fraudulent credit cards. Two programs in Council Bluffs- the City Watch check clearing and thumbprints at banks- have helped a great deal to reduce bad checks, Al noted. If a business does not have a good reputation for thorough check verification, it becomes a target for forged checks, Al noted. On a personal level, Al emphasized the importance of keeping our checkbooks, spare checks, and credit cards secure. One stolen check or a credit card can be used by criminals to create a great amount of trouble and work for the owner to unravel fraudulent charges and transactions. A frustrating part of his work Al explained, is the way white-collar crime penalties are often handled. The many vicious criminals displace the white-collar criminals from prison space. Since there is limited prison space, sentences are often deferred and penalties are low for white-collar criminals, which, Al explained, does not deter the criminal. Furthermore, white-collar criminals often have few resources to pay back their victims.

**CALENDAR**

- 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 Board meeting after regular meeting.
- Apr. 24 Zone Oratorical Contest, Underwood Middle School, 9 a.m.
- 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 none  
 ANNIVERSARIES none

P.S While attending a rural art show, a city visitor stopped to look at a peculiar painting. She asked the artist next to the painting, "What's that supposed to be?"  
 The bored artist replied, "That's a picture of a cow grazing."  
 Which prompted to visitor to reply, "Where's the grass?"  
 "The cow ate it," the artist said.  
 "Well, where is the cow then," the visitor asked.  
 "You don't think she'd be silly enough to stick around after she ate up all the grass, do you?" said the artist.

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