

*Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism*

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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
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**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning May 1, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for donuts and fellowship. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

**REPORT OF THE LAST CLUB MEETING**

At the last Club meeting there were fifteen members and one guest present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to GEORGE SCHNEIDER. He promptly put it in his pocket. It couldn't have been more timely, as he will need it to get back home from his upcoming trip to Germany. DOREEN MAYBERRY received the 50/50 amount.

There were no current birthdays or anniversaries to note.

The highway cleanup project was canceled due to the forecast of stormy weather. It has not been rescheduled, yet.

LES HARVEY circulated a sign-up sheet for attendance at the upcoming Youth Appreciation Dinner next Saturday. It will be a special Club occasion and an overflow crowd at The Rose is expected.

LES attended the Zone 4 Oratorical Contest at Underwood Saturday morning where the Treynor contestants competed with other Zone 4 club winners. Brian Leber from Treynor was selected as the Zone winner of the boys and will compete in the regional competition at Iowa Western Community College next Saturday morning.

RICHARD VORTHMANN circulated copies of the generic Optimist International club bylaws to members for reference in preparation of our Club Bylaws update.

KEVIN reminded members that an officer election should be held soon to determine the officers for the next Optimist year. A presidential candidate volunteer is needed as well as a few other office volunteers. You know if it is your turn to help led your Club.

KEVIN postponed the Board meeting until after the Club meeting next Saturday when more Board members could be present.

P. S. A transfer student in night-school English was disturbed when the instructor announced: "Tomorrow night we will take up syntax."  
"Goodness!" she exclaimed. "If they're going to collect *that*, I'll never afford the tuition."

KEVIN noted the last home track meet for Club members to work the gates is May 11 at 2:30 p.m. Thanks to all that worked at the two meets last week-RICHARD, GEORGE, BILL STEPHENS, CRAIG McCLELLAN, KEITH DENTON, and LARRY KRAMER

**Important Reminder:** The bike safety day is this Thursday after school at the elementary playground. Many Club members are needed to man the registrations, bike inspections, skills testing, etc.

**HOING THE LAST ROW**

Iowa State Representative Hubert Houser spoke to Club members about the significant events of the current Iowa legislative session. Hubert explained the legislative session is planning to finish this week, but there are two main issues of education and tax cuts to work through. The tax cut will likely be 40 to 50 million dollars, Hubert, suggested; but the education bill has about the same hidden cost. State spending increased 4 to 5% over last year and a lot of this was related to prison expenses, according to Hubert. Hubert noted the political posturing and lobbying with regard to the western Iowa Loess Hills region and the national attention being given to it. He is in favor of local control to deal with issues of construction and destruction in the Loess Hills.

**CALENDAR**

- Apr. 29 Bike Safety Day, Elementary School Playground, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- May 1 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- May 1 Board meeting after regular Club meeting.
- May 1 Youth Appreciation Dinner, The Rose, Restaurant, 6:30 p.m.
- May 25 Meth Awareness Community Meeting, Treynor High School.
- May 27 Farm Safety Day, 1 p.m.

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4/28 GENE SERAN  
4/30 BILL MATTHEW  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** none