

The Optimist Club of Treynor

NEWSLETTER

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, May 29 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for donuts and fellowship. KEVIN UNDERWOOD has arranged for Interim-superintendent GARY FUNKHOUSER to speak. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were seventeen members and one guest present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to AL STROHBEHN, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to BOB HIBBARD.

It was good to see AL back to a Club meeting after a long period of absence.

JOHN KLEIN presented a written policy for the community can collection project, which was approved by the members present. The redemption service from Glenwood is picking up the cans and bottles each Thursday. JOHN posted a temporary sign on the "can kennel" fence explaining the project. JOHN and LARRY KRAMER will work on a more permanent sign.

Scout Cubmaster, Brooks Schild, explained the need for the Cub Pack to have funds for summer camp expenses. The Cub Pack is assigned the month of July for their redemption can collection efforts.

Brooks presented the Cub Pack Chartering certificate to the Optimist Club in recognition of our sponsorship. He noted the highway cleanup project was hard to schedule with all the storm activity this Spring. It is still unscheduled at this time.

Brooks also explained the youth recreation area being set up in the parsonage home of the Lutheran Church. It is planned for junior and senior high students and friends after sport events. They are looking for some more equipment to add to the youth recreation area.

LES HARVEY reminded everyone of the Memorial Day activities planned next Monday morning and encouraged all to attend the brief ceremonies at Zion or Lutheran church cemeteries at 9 and 9:30, respectively.

RICHARD VORTHMANN reported on the recent District meeting at Des Moines. He noted the winning Oratorical Contest contestants were from Cedar Rapids and Marshalltown, Iowa. He circulated the Awards and Achievements summary for the clubs of the Iowa District. Our club is

showing the highest accounting of activities of our zone so far this year.

RICHARD also circulated photos from our recent Youth Appreciation Celebration.

A committee of 'volunteers' was named to work on details of the anniversary picnic.

REMINER: Current and elected Board Members should plan to meet for the Board meeting after the next Club meeting.

METH OR LIFE

Substituting for Trooper Ken Toms, Iowa State Patrol Troopers Kevin Farver and Brian Funk from the Council Bluffs Post spoke to about thirty Treynor community citizens about the effects of abuse of methamphetamine (meth) and the dangers of illegal manufacture of meth. The highly addictive nature of meth leads users to ruin their lives the Troopers explained. Videotapes presented by the Troopers emphasized that it is very easy to get addicted and nearly impossible to get free from the effects of meth. In addition, the illegal 'labs' created to 'cook' meth are very dangerous to anyone who approaches them due to the hazardous mix of chemicals involved. This puts innocent citizens and law enforcement officials in harms way even if the meth user is not encountered. The Troopers also noted that a meth lab has to be cleaned up by a specialized hazardous materials crew and the process is very expensive—a cost to taxpayers that should not happen. The Trooper's advice is be aware and report suspicious or unusual activity of persons to reduce the occurrence of meth manufacture and use in our community.

CALENDAR

- May 27 Farm Safety Day, Elementary School 1 p.m.
- May 29 Club meeting, program by GARY FUNKHOUSER.
- May 29 Board meeting after Club meeting.
- Jun. 5 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jun. 12 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jun. 19 Club meeting, program by Dale Robertson on Personal Growth and Achievement.
- Jun. 19 Club Anniversary Picnic, East Park.

BIRTHDAYS none
 ANNIVERSARIES 5/29 Bill Matthew

P.S Adolescence is a period of rapid change. While a child is between ages of 12 and 17, a parent may age 20 years.

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