

The Optimist Club of Treynor
NEWSLETTER

Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism

Club Officers for '98-'99		Board of Directors		Past Presidents	
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				Jim Clausen, '89-'90	Ed Underwood, '96-'97
				Larry Kramer, '90-'91	Les Harvey, '97-'98

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FRIENDS OF YOUTH

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, June 26 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Meet at the church for donuts and fellowship. Kurt Mehlen will speak about the Optimist Club and youth experiences. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the last Club meeting there were twenty-one members and nine guests present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to KEVIN. The 50/50 was awarded to GARY FUNKHOUSER, a first time winner.

IRV LARSEN paid a dollar for recognition of his 23rd wedding anniversary.

JOHN KLEIN reported the Can Kennel was nearly full last week and thanked all who helped sort and sack the redeemable cans and bottles for the Lutheran Youth Program. The July collection will go to the Treynor Cub Scouts.

RICH WEEKLY, Scoutmaster for Treynor Troop 729, spoke about Troop activities and requested the month of August for use of the Can Kennel. RICH described the need to install shelving in the Troop trailer to secure their camping equipment. He said they are also planning fund raising from sweet corn sales this summer. RICH noted the Troop was growing and is relatively large for the size of the Treynor community. Several scouts are planning to attend the District summer camp and RICH asked the Club to sponsor an adult registration. He asked for adult volunteers to be merit badge counselors to boy scouts, and RICH was asked if he could present a brief program to the Club in the near future detailing this scout activity.

FINDING FAMILY ROOTS IN GERMANY

GEORGE and Lillie SCHNEIDER, their daughter, Janice Young, her husband, Gene, and Lillie's sister Elsie Strohbehn took a two-week trip in early May to Germany to look for family relatives. Janice explained she had contact with a few Schneiders before the trip, but they were not sure of their relationship. When they got together they were able to trace their family connections to confirm how they were related. Janice noted that a lot of personal records are found in churches and some with village historians, although it is typically written down in 'Old German'. Gene explained how they rented a station wagon and drove throughout central Germany from the French border to the North Sea coast, racking up 2500 mi. He noted a couple of the memorable driving experiences were driving on the autobahn, where the view in the rear view mirror is as important as the windshield view, and paying a road toll with a Master Card. GEORGE said they had a great time visiting in homes and attending church services with their Schneider kin. Later this summer some of them will travel to the United States and the visiting will continue.

CALENDAR

- Jun. 26 Club meeting, program by Kurt Mehlen.
- Jul. 3 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jul. 10 Club meeting, program by Dale Robertson on Personal Growth and Achievement.
- Aug. 7 Softball Picnic with Treynor Jr. Women, East Park.
- Aug. 15 SISCO Horse Show, Westfair.
- Aug. 28? 15th Anniversary Celebration.

BIRTHDAYS 6/27 BILL STEPHENS
ANNIVERSARIES 6/26 LARRY KRAMER
6/28 MICK GUTTAU

P.S A group of American tourists were being guided through an ancient castle in Europe.
"This place," the guide told them, "is 600 years old. Not a stone in it has been touched, nothing altered, nothing replaced in all those years."
"Well," said on one woman dryly, "they must have the same landlord that I have."

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