

**The Optimist Club of Treynor**  
**NEWSLETTER**

*Teamwork—Flying Together in Optimism*

FRIENDS OF YOUTH

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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				Jim Clausen, '89-'90	Ed Underwood, '96-'97
				Larry Kramer, '90-'91	Les Harvey, '97-'98

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**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. LES HARVEY will speak on the topic 'Vial of Life'. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

**REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING**

At the last Club meeting there were sixteen members and four guests present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to DOREEN MAYBERRY. The 50/50 was awarded to GARY FUNKHOUSER, a winner two weeks in a row.

LARRY KRAMER paid a dollar to the youth fund for recognition of his 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and BILL STEPHENS paid a dollar for his birthday greeting. It was a good thing that was finished before our guest speaker arrived.

KEVIN thanked all that participated in the picnic the previous Saturday. We didn't meet any new members at the picnic, but we sure learned more about regular members.

LARRY passed Club information and Optimist membership materials out for members to use for new member contacts.

JOHN KLEIN announced a can sorting and sacking is planned Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. to finish out the month for the Lutheran Youth Program funding.

Lee Ann Soloth, Kelsey Volkens, and Hans KLEIN have been selected to participate in the Southwest Iowa Honor Choir, which is planning a trip to New York next summer. They came to the Club meeting to explain their plans and to ask for funding assistance through the Can Kennel project. Club members agreed to schedule the month of September for their activity.

**A FEW EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHOIR DIRECTOR**

Treynor schools choir director, Roger Jensen, described several summer programs for students for which he provides music leadership. Roger worked last week at North Western State University, Maryville, Missouri at the Music Camp of Excellence. He explained there were 116 middle school students (8<sup>th</sup> graders this fall) from the region participating in the camp. There were four attending

from Treynor. Roger was the Honor Choir Director for the Camp and was responsible for a concert presentation by the students at the end of the week, which he said, went very well, although he had early week misgivings. Roger also worked with the Leadership Academy for middle school students held at the Iowa Western Community College earlier this summer. There were 91 students in this activity and six were from Treynor, Roger noted. The participants were instructed in leadership qualities, types of governments, building trust, arriving at a consensus, and other topics related to addressing a problem or situation and agreeing on a solution. Lastly, Roger provided some background information about the newly organized Southwest Iowa Honor Choir. The Honor Choir will be a complement to the Honor Band activity, which occurs every other year. Students are auditioned for the Honor Choir, which will have 72 students and 5 directors. The participants for the first Honor Choir and the musical numbers have been selected, Roger explained, and they are in the process of learning the songs and rehearsing. The Honor Choir will be performing in New York during a three-day period next June. Roger noted performances would be without musical accompaniment and songbooks and the songs selected for a performance will depend on where it will be held. The schedule is being developed. According to Roger, the host school will be Atlantic, so a pre-trip concert will be held there before departure in early June.

**CALENDAR**

- July
- Jul. 3    Cub Scout Can Collection month. Club meeting, program by LES HARVEY.
- Jul. 10    Club meeting, program by Dale Robertson on Personal Growth and Achievement.
- Jul. 19    Club meeting, program TBA.
- Jul. 26    Club meeting, program TBA.
- August
- Aug. 7    Boy Scout Can collection month. Softball Picnic with Treynor Jr. Women, East Park.
- Aug. 15    SISCO Horse Show, Westfair.
- Aug. 28?    15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
- September Honor Choir Can Collection month

BIRTHDAYS    none  
ANNIVERSARIES    none

P.S    Two men were sitting around talking about their childhood days. "My father was a cultured man," said the first. "Every time he took me to the wood shed he proposed a toast."  
"Really? What was it?"  
"Bottoms up," he said