

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

*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
Int. V. Pres.	Bob Hibbard	Irv Larsen	Marsha Underwood	Tom Ryan, '85-'86	Larry Kramer, '92-'93
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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, July 10, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. Dale Robertson from the Underwood Club, who is Iowa District Chair of the Personal Growth and Achievement program, will explain the program at our next meeting. Meet at the church for donuts and fellowship. The meeting will start at 7:20. Bring a guest.

**REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING**

At the last Club meeting there were fifteen members present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to KENNETH GRAHAM, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded to DOREEN MAYBERRY. RICHARD announced the checks for the can and bottle redemption were starting to come in. The May amount was \$106.30 for our scholarship fund. The first June check was for \$225.40 for the Lutheran Youth Program. Another June check for a lesser amount is expected. JOHN KLEIN reviewed the estimates submitted for the amount of the May check. Turns out there was a tie between MARSHA UNDERWOOD and BOB HIBBARD for the best guess. Based on these results it looks like the Can Kennel has a capacity of about \$400 worth of redemption cans. There was some discussion of the merits of providing receipts to donors of redemption cans who want a receipt in order to maintain a record of contributions throughout the year. Receipts may be offered on an 'honor' system.

**KEEPING A VIAL OF LIFE HANDY**

LES HARVEY has been working on a project the past year to facilitate life saving during medical emergencies at home. When medical emergency personnel respond to a call they need to know vital medical and personal information about the person with the medical problem in order to provide the best treatment. The person needing help may be alone and unable to communicate this vital information. LES explained how a plastic vial is used to contain written information regarding current

medical medications, personal facts, emergency contacts, etc. The vial is to be put on the top door shelf of the kitchen refrigerator. LES noted that every home has a kitchen refrigerator. There emergency personnel can easily locate the vital information and read the pertinent facts as they start treatment. Also, they can pass the medical information along to hospital staff if the medical problem has to be treated there. LES said the project is now in an implementation phase. The Jennie Edmundson Foundation provided funding for plastic vials and photo copying of the information forms. Other cosponsoring groups are the Southwest Eight Senior Services, Inc., the Council Bluffs Kiwanis Club, the Southwest Iowa Pharmacists Association, and the Pottawattamie County TRIAD. LES distributed the vials and information forms to interested Club members. A follow-up call is planned in six months to check on the status of use of the Vial of Life in order to evaluate the project. LES noted that it is human nature to avoid taking care of our health. This simple act of recording the basic personal information and making it accessible to emergency personnel could be a life saving action. Additional vials and forms can be obtained from LES.

**CALENDAR**

- July
  - Jul. 10
  - Jul. 19
  - Jul. 26
  - August
  - Aug. 7-8
  - Aug. 7
  - Aug. 15
  - Aug. 28?
  - September
- Cub Scout Can Collection month.
  - Club meeting, program by Dale Robertson on Personal Growth and Achievement.
  - Club meeting, program TBA.
  - Club meeting, program TBA.
  - Boy Scout Can collection month.
  - Iowa Optimist Convention, Burlington.
  - Softball Picnic with Treynor Jr. Women, East Park.
  - SISCO Horse Show, Westfair.
  - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.
  - Honor Choir Can Collection month

BIRTHDAYS           none  
ANNIVERSARIES   none

P.S    A famed explorer was captured by savages in the wilds of South America. They were dancing around him in preparation for the kill when an idea struck the explorer—he would awe them with 'magic.' From his pocket he took out a cigarette lighter.  
"See," he said, "I am a fire-maker!" and with a flick of his thumb, the lighter burst into flame. The savages fell back in astonishment.  
"Magic!" cried the explorer in triumph.  
"Sure is," replied the chief. "Only time we ever saw a lighter work the first time."