

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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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, July 31, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. LES HARVEY has invited Megan Beattie to speak about her experience at the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference for students. 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 nineteen members and four guests present. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to ALLEN HENDRIX, but it was not collected. The 50/50 was awarded TIM GRIENER.

Birthday greetings were sung for JIM CLAUSEN. He gave a dollar to the youth fund for the effort, but he muttered something about not having anything smaller.

VIRGIL HOLST acknowledged his wedding anniversary and told about his first meeting with Ethel over 62 years ago.

JOHN KLEIN announced the next can sorting is planned Tuesday August 3 to wrap up the Cub Scout month. The total June collection for the Lutheran Youth group was \$379.55.

Bring your kids and grandkids to the picnic at East Park August 7. The Optimist need all the speed we can muster to meet the softball challenge from Treynor Junior Women. The picnic is potluck with drinks furnished. Bring a dish or two and table service. There should be a lot of good and fresh garden food at this one. Eating will commence at 7 p.m. Sizing up the competition can begin anytime after 6. Bring your ball glove and a favorite bat, or maybe just a lawn chair. We need a strong cheering section, also.

Be sure and put the horse show on your calendar for Sunday August 15 at Westfair. There is a need for many volunteers to take care of details during the day from about 8:30 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m. Even a half day of your time will be welcomed. Call LARRY KRAMER for details.

JEFF NELSON announced his new business, Nelson Outdoor Power, will be opening the first week of August in the former Shortline Cafe building. JEFF said he will offer lawn mowers, chain saws, and other small power tools and to look for an

open house announcement soon. His dad, Dennis, who services power equipment, will move his shop from the farm to the new business location.

LEARNING THE CULTURE IN INDIA

MILLI HARVEY introduced Joanne Topolski to club members to describe her experiences living in India the past two years. Joanne is working as a Christian Missionary in Pune, a 'village' of a couple million people located in western India. Joanne said she never set out to be a missionary, but the opportunities just opened before her. She is working through the Youth With A Mission organization, which is an international movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to presenting Jesus Christ to others. Her work is supported by volunteer contributions. Joanne indicated she has been working at a printing shop that publishes Christian materials and prepares training and education resources. Sometimes work is difficult, Joanne noted, because communication and organization are hampered by the lack of telephone service, or electrical power, or transportation at unforeseen times. These challenges are easier to face with trust in God, Joanne said. She was very encouraged by the work of Optimist clubs for youth in the United States, and saw a great need to minister to youth in India. Joanne stated her immediate challenges are getting her visa renewed to return to Pune and learning the Hindu language.

CALENDAR

- Jul 31 Club Meeting, program by Megan Beattie.
- August Boy Scout Can collection month.
- Aug. 7-8 Iowa Optimist Convention, Burlington.
- Aug. 7 Softball Picnic with Treynor Jr. Women, East Park.
- Aug. 14 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Aug. 15 SISCO Horse Show, Westfair.
- Aug. 21 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Aug. 28? 15th Anniversary Celebration.
- September Honor Choir Can Collection month

BIRTHDAYS 8/1 CRAIG MCCLELLAN
ANNIVERSARIES 7/25 CRAIG MCCLELLAN

P.S A dying farmer told his wife, "I want the businessmen in town to be my pallbearers."

"Why?" she asked. "They were never close friends."

"They've carried my this far," he replied, "so they might as well carry me the rest of the way."

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