

**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	
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				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, September 25, 1999 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. BOB HIBBARD has arranged for BILL MATTHEW to be our program speaker. 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 15 members and 2 guests were present. LES HARVEY and LARRY KRAMER were visiting the Underwood Club. President KEVIN UNDERWOOD presided. The attendance pot was awarded to KEVIN, so it starts over again. The 50/50 was collected by BILL STEPHENS.

Birthday greetings were sung to DOREEN MAYBERRY and to BOB (practice makes perfect). KEVIN announced that Lt. Governor Beth Kennedy recognized BOB at the recent Zone meeting as the outstanding optimist of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter at Treynor. Treynor had 7 of the 21 Optimists at the Zone meeting. Let's keep up the pace during the next Optimist year. New officers, note the next Zone meeting is at Walnut on October 5.

KEVIN thanked all that helped with the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, especially the spouses of Club members. The B-B-Q was delicious and the visiting among the attendees was enjoyed by all. Sixty-seven Optimists and guests were present including 12 charter members, 8 former presidents, and 23 current Club members. Representatives of the Council Bluffs Club (our sponsoring club), Eastern Bluffs, and Underwood also attended. We had special guests of Iowa District Optimist Governor-elect John Cooper and his wife, Joann from Marshalltown, Iowa.

JOHN KLEIN reported on details of the upcoming community bike ride next Saturday. Dust off your bike seat and plan to enjoy the scenery along the Wabash Trace. If you don't have a bike seat, you can participate in other ways, so come anyway—just bring a sack lunch.

Late breaking news—the highway cleanup will be this Thursday starting at the Elementary school at 6:15 p.m. Some Optimists are needed to work with the Cub Scouts.

Erica Vorthmann and Jacob Lammert presented their request for the Can Kennel for November. The can redemptions would be for the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club activities. Their request was approved.

**A PASTOR'S PREPARATION**

Ken Dohmen, Pastor at Zion Congregational Church in Treynor for the past four years, spoke to Club members about his life journey to Treynor. Ken grew up in the Lindsey and, Scribner, Nebraska area. After graduation from high school he did some work at a packing plant which made him realize the value of more education for a better job. Ken and a friend went to California to go to school, but ended up working at a water bottling plant. In California Ken met a girl from Nebraska who persuaded him to attend gospel music concerts with her. During these concerts the speakers spoke of separation between man and God which prompted Ken to respond to an Alter Call. Ken described how his life was changed and non-Christian habits were discarded. He married, went to college, seminary and graduate school. He then accepted the call to be a minister at Zion.

**CALENDAR**

- September: Honor Choir Can Collection.**
- Sept. 23 Road cleanup with Cub Scouts, 6:15 p.m., Elementary School.
- Sept. 24 Homecoming football game gate receipts, 6:00 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Club Meeting, program by BILL MATTHEWS.
- Sept. 25 Family Bike Ride, 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Club Meeting, program TBA. New officer installation.
- Oct. 5 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Zone Meeting, Walnut, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 16 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District Meeting, Marshalltown Best Western Regency
- Oct: Treynor Music Boosters Can Collection.**
- Nov: Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Can Collection.**

BIRTHDAYS none  
ANNIVERSARIES 9/24, BILL STEPHENS  
9/26, BILL VORTHMANN

P.S A bull-headed parishioner objected to some church improvements. The minister had asked for the purchase of a new chandelier. When the pastor asked the parishioner why he objected, he stated, "Well, first, no one can spell it. Second, no one can play it. And third, what we really need around here is more light."

(Thanks to RICHARD for the meeting notes)  
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