

*Vision 2000 of Optimism***"Lighting the Way" in the Iowa District, Zone 4**

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NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, March 4, 2000 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. LES HARVEY has arranged for Dale Haven of Haven Taxidermy to describe his safari in Africa. Coffee, juice and rolls will be available at 6:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 7:20. Bring a guest.

REPORT OF LAST CLUB MEETING

At the New Member Induction Dinner last Sunday evening at The Rose, 15 members and 6 guests were present. President GENE SERAN presided over the program. Lt. Governor LARRY KRAMER described the Optimist International organization at the national, District, and Zone levels. JOHN KLEIN spoke of the reasons he is an Optimist: to work with others to achieve things one cannot do alone, to help educators with the process of educating youth, and to participate in community service efforts. JOHN also described our Club operations and three major Club activities for Treynor community youth. Charter member JIM CLAUSEN spoke of the value of fellowship and spirit of working together on Club activities. BOB HIBBARD introduced the new members he sponsored: CHRIS ESLINGER, MINDI ESLINGER, RUSS HENDRIX, and JOAN MARTIN. BILL STEPHENS introduced the new member he sponsored, JERRY HEMPEL. GENE led the new members in the recitation of the Optimist Member Pledge.

Be sure to greet our new members when you see them. CHRIS and MINDI run the Rusk Foods grocery in Treynor. RUSS is Treynor Postmaster. JOAN is proprietor of Treynor Hardware and Lumber. JERRY is Operations Manager for MidAmerican Energy in Council Bluffs.

As soon as possible we will conduct new member inductions for those that could not be at the dinner last Sunday.

With this newsletter an updated roster of club members and a list of club activities is being distributed to Club members.

Note the extended calendar shown below. The next can sorting is this coming Wednesday at 2 p.m.

CALENDAR**Jan-March: After-the-Prom Committee Can Collection**

- Mar. 1 Can and bottle sorting, 2 p.m.
- Mar. 4 Club Meeting, program by Dale Haven, Taxidermist.
- Mar. 11 Club Meeting, program by Dawn Soloth, Gifted and Talented teacher.
- Mar. 15? Can and bottle sorting.
- Mar. 16 Club Scout Pine Wood Derby. Elementary School, 6:15 p.m.
- Mar. 19 Swim Day #2, Lewis Central Pool, 1-4 p.m.
- Mar. 26 Club Meeting, program TBA.
- Mar. 27 Start of Baby Sitting Clinic.
- Mar. 29? Can and bottle sorting.
- April: Girl Scouts Can Collection**
- Apr. 1 Club Meeting, program by Jean Armstrong, R.N.
- Apr. 1? Club Oratorical Contest.
- Apr. 8 OI President's Visit, Amana Holiday Inn.
- Apr. 15 Zone Oratorical, Treynor.
- Apr. 25 Zone 4 Meeting, Treynor.
- Apr. 29 Regional Oratorical, Council Bluffs.

BIRTHDAYS 3/8 WARD CHAMBERS
3/11 KENNETH GRAHAM

ANNIVERSARIES 3/3 CHRIS ESLINGER
3/3 MINDI ESLINGER
3/4 GENE SERAN
3/15 JEFF NELSON

P.S. A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!" "The pastor said, "Hey, here comes the greenskeeper. Let's have a word with him." [dramatic pause]

"Hi, George. Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The greenskeeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind firefighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

The group was silent for a moment.

The pastor said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't these guys play at night?"