

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

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## Board Members

1998-2000	2000-2001
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## NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned Saturday morning, March 11, 2000 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. LES HARVEY has arranged for Treynor teacher Dawn Soloth to describe the Gifted and Talented program. 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 last Club meeting 21 members and 1 guest were present. President GENE SERAN presided. The attendance pot was awarded to KEVIN UNDERWOOD and was promptly collected. BOB HIBBARD won the 50/50 drawing.

BOB took in a nice collection of fines for missing pins.

New member JERRY HEMPEL was introduced.

LES noted that 49 seventh graders would be participating in the OI Oratorical contest on March 30. There was no entry for the OI Essay contest.

GENE thanked all who participated in the recent new member induction program. Alternative arrangements will be made for the new members who could not be at that special meeting.

GENE announced a Board meeting will be held after the Club meeting next Saturday.

LES reported he had most of the advertisement spaces on the Newsletter sold. Club members who advertise will be noted by an OI symbol on their ad.

Thanks to BOB, KEVIN, RICHARD VORTHMANN, JERYL and MARSHA UNDERWOOD, LARRY KRAMER, BILL STEPHENS, CRAIG McCELLAN, and BILL VORTHMANN, for helping the After-the-Prom Committee with the can sorting in recent weeks. The Committee received \$466 for can redemptions in January. The accumulative redemption amount received the past nine months through January is \$3625.

## FROM PIGEONS TO MUSK OX

Dale Haven of Haven Taxidermy in Council Bluffs spoke to Club members about his taxidermy experiences. Dale has been working in taxidermy for forty-five years. He stated he got hooked on taxidermy when he first encountered it in high school Biology Club. Dale's first project was a pigeon, not an easy subject for a starter. He has worked on many game mammals and fish over the years. He demonstrated some of his taxidermy

techniques with a 10.5 lb. walleye caught while ice fishing in Minnesota in 1974. One distinction between mammals and fish in taxidermy is that fish have to be painted to restore the color of the skin and scales whereas a mammal's fur color remains after tanning. The coloring of fish requires a lot of skill and knowledge of the environment where the fish was caught. Dale said the largest animal he has worked on is a musk ox. He indicated he would like the opportunity to work on a large cat.

## CALENDAR

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

- Mar. 11 Club Meeting, program by Dawn Soloth, Gifted and Talented teacher.
- Mar. 11 Club Board Meeting after Club meeting.
- Mar. 15? Can and bottle sorting.
- Mar. 16 Club Scout Pine Wood Derby. Elementary School, 6:15 p.m.
- Mar. 18 Club Meeting, program by Rhonda and BILL MATTHEW.
- Mar. 19 Swim Day #2, Lewis Central Pool, 1-4 p.m.
- Mar. 25 Club Meeting, program by Rus Maguire and Bryce Strohbehn, Treynor Fire and Rescue.
- Mar. 27 Start of Baby Sitting Clinic.
- Mar. 29? Can and bottle sorting.
- Mar. 30 Club Oratorical Contest, Elementary School, 1 p.m.

**April: Girl Scouts Can Collection**

- Apr. 1 Club Meeting, program by Jean Armstrong, R.N., Family and Community Health Resources.
- Apr. 8 OI President's Visit, Amana Holiday Inn.
- Apr. 15 Zone 4 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. Steve and his dad got into one of their verbal wars again at the dinner table. "When George Washington was your age," the father told his son, "he was already a surveyor and earning good money."

"So what?" Steve replied sharply. "When he was your age, he was president of the United States."