



*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, May 20, 2000 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. 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 there were 16 members and 4 guests present. President GENE SERAN presided. The attendance pot was awarded to MIKE SCHMID. BOB HIBBARD won the 50/50 drawing with the first ticket purchased for the day.

KEVIN UNDERWOOD and LARRY KRAMER each put a dollar in the youth fund for recent photos in the newspaper. JOHN KLEIN put two dollars in for bragging rights for his son Hans who received Outstanding Musician and Outstanding Thespian Awards among Treynor graduating seniors. BILL STEPHENS is expecting to be a grandfather any day, so he also added a dollar to the youth fund.

LARRY reported the outcome of the Bike Safety Day last Thursday. Twelve Optimist club members and three additional adults conducted the bike inspections, safety lecture, helmet adjustments, and riding skill tests. Twenty-four youth participated. A smaller number than usual, but the day was one of record high temperature. Bill Sommers and Lee Bowstead of Xtreme Wheels Bike and Sports in Council Bluffs assisted with inspections and safety instructions. The riding skill course was chalked on the Elementary School playground by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class under the supervision of Mike Travis. A greater number of participants were wearing bike helmets this year. Each participant received a bike water bottle and several received bike first aid kits for promptly answering questions about bike safety rules. A new helmet and a Xtreme Wheels tee shirt were given away by random drawing. Special thanks to KEVIN for providing homemade cookies and to Lillie SCHNIEDER for preparing refreshing drinks.

JOHN noted the trees planted at the Elementary School seem to be doing well. JOHN suggested the Can Kennel be emptied this Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. MIKE proposed the can pull-tabs be collected separately for the Ronald McDonald House in

Omaha. The suggestion will be forwarded to all groups using the Can Kennel.

VIRGIL HOLST suggested a Fishing Derby for Youth be organized as a memorial to Roger Trede. A committee will consider details and submit a proposal at an upcoming Club meeting.

Club members voted to give \$100 to the Treynor D.A.R.E. program.

**WHY I WILL BE DRUG FREE**

Pott. Co. Deputy Steve (Guido) Gilfillan spoke about his work as a D.A.R.E. officer teaching drug awareness to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Treynor. Steve indicated he had been teaching the 16-week D.A.R.E. program for 10 years. He is teaching the program at 5 other elementary schools in Pott. Co. Steve explained that parent and family support is essential for students to receive the full benefits of the program. Students have to complete all assignments and participate fully in the D.A.R.E. class to graduate. Each student has to write an essay entitled "Why I will be drug free". The class of 53 students culminated with a D.A.R.E. Graduation program, a pizza party, and D.A.R.E. tee shirts for each student. Steve noted the Treynor schools and community provide a lot of support to him for the D.A.R.E. program. He thanked the Optimist Club members for their support. It is possible to have a D.A.R.E. class at the Junior High level, Steve explained. School officials have to endorse the program.

**CALENDAR**

- May: Can Collection for Optimist Scholarships**
- May 17 Can sorting, 7 p.m.
- May 18 Club Scouts Picnic, East Park, 6:30 p.m.
- May 20 Club meeting, program TBA.
- May 20 New Club officer report due to O.I.
- May 27 Club meeting, program TBA.
- May 31 Can sorting?
- Jun. 3 Alternate Club meeting, 7 p.m.
- Jun. 24-Jul. 3 B-Cub Baseball Tournament.
- June: Can Collection for Treynor Music Boosters**

- BIRTHDAYS 5/11 KEITH DENTON
  - ANNIVERSARIES 5/29 BILL MATTHEW
- (# recognized to date)

P.S. One day in town farmer Toby was stopped by the pastor of the church he attended occasionally. During their conversation the pastor asked the man if he smoked, drank, or cursed.

Toby replied hesitantly, "Well, yes, every once in a while."

The pastor, his voice full of compassion, said, "Now Brother Toby, I don't smoke, I don't drink and I don't curse."

To this, Toby said with all seriousness, "Yes sir, pastor, but you don't farm."