



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, July 22, 2000 at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church. KEITH DENTON is arranging a program speaker. 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 present. President GENE SERAN presided. The attendance pot was awarded to ROGER VORTHMANN, but it was not claimed. JERRY HEMPEL won the 50/50. Incidentally, JERRY and his family have moved into their new residence at 24634 Richfield Loop, Council Bluffs. His phone number is 566-9479.

GEORGE SCHNEIDER experienced a heart attack last Friday evening and was taken to the hospital for surgery. Lillie says he is doing OK and is expected home by this coming Friday. Thanks to Lillie for starting the coffee pot prior to our last meeting.

JOHN KLEIN announced that the Legion had erected a flag pole near the high school ball diamonds. Club members agreed to contribute to the materials for installing lights to be directed at the flag during night time games.

VIRGIL stated he met with Steve Andersen and inspected the plank fence along the sidewalk between Andersen's Service and Treynor Home and Acres. The fence planking is sound, but it needs some nails or screws in a few places. VIRGIL is going to talk to the art teacher when school begins and offer materials to students who are interested in repainting the wall.

Thanks to JOHN, BOB HIBBARD, LES and MILLI HARVEY, and KEVIN and JERYL UNDERWOOD for helping the Cub Scouts sort cans and bottles last Wednesday.

BILL VORTHMANN said the breakfast committee had not met but asked for more ideas from Club members. Possible scenarios are: gathering at The Back Nine for breakfast and Club meeting, continue meeting at Saint Paul's and have different volunteers arrange breakfast each week, arrange for someone to prepare breakfast each week for a fee, or continue with the present mode. Let BILL know of your preferences or of other ideas.

A thank you note from Lindsey Boehm was received regarding the scholarship awarded to her by our Club.

GENE announced he was circulating a sign-up sheet at the next Club meeting for those attending the picnic/softball challenge with the Treynor Junior Women.

Note that a Board meeting is planned after the upcoming Club meeting. Officers-elect should plan to attend also.

REEVALUATING AN OLD WORLD IDEA

LARRY KRAMER is an agricultural engineer with the USDA Agricultural Research Service specializing in watershed hydrology and soil loss research. He supervises at the Deep Loess Research Station near Treynor, which is administered by the National Soil Tilth Laboratory in Ames, Iowa. LARRY spoke about a study of the effect of using narrow, stiff grass hedges for erosion control. This concept of erosion control was observed by another ARS scientist during a visit to fields in India. There grass hedges had over many years caused the topography to become benched wherein the slope of the land between the hedges was now more flat. This was a tropical area so the grass used there wouldn't work in Iowa. LARRY explained they started grass hedges with switchgrass, big bluestem, and eastern gamagrass in a 15 acre cropped field with slopes up to 16%. They have also used miscanthus, an ornamental grass, for plantings to reinforce areas where concentrated runoff flow crosses the hedges. After eight years with the hedges in place, LARRY noted, there is evidence that the soil loss has been reduced 43% compared to the prior treatment of no conservation practices. Also, berms of 2 ft height are now evident along the grass hedges. Especially for moderate slopes, LARRY stated, this could be a useful soil conservation practice in Iowa.

CALENDAR

July: Can Collection for Treynor Cub Scouts

- July 22 Club meeting, program TBA.
- July 22 Board meeting after Club meeting.
- July 29 Club meeting, program by Becky Addicks, missionary to Honduras.

Aug: Can Collection for Boy Scouts.

- Aug 2 Can sorting with the Cub Scouts, 7 p.m.
- Aug 5 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Aug 5 Picnic and Softball with TJW, 6 p.m.
- Aug 6 Horseshow at Westfair.
- Aug 11-13 Iowa District Convention, Marshalltown.

BIRTHDAYS	7/21	RUSS HENDRIX
	7/23	JERRY HEMPEL
	7/27	JIM CLAUSEN#
	7/28	TRESA MASS
ANNIVERSARIES	7/17	RUSS HENDRIX
	7/18	MIKE ABBOTT
	7/18	ROGER VORTHMANN
	7/24	VIRGIL HOLST#
	7/25	CRAIG McCLELLAN

(# recognized to date)

P.S. A farm expert is someone who is called in at the last minute to share the blame.

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