

*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, September 9, 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 19 members and 1 guest present. President GENE SERAN presided. The attendance pot was awarded to JERYL UNDERWOOD. He gleefully claimed it. Took him most of the meeting to count quarters and most of it was already in bills. Probably the biggest pot ever claimed at over \$50. GENE SERAN won the 50/50.

JERYL brought some large potatoes from his garden to show how good the season was this year for growing them. They were offered as a consultation prize to the attendance pot. RICHARD VORTHMANN won the 'potato pot.'

Lt. Governor LARRY KRAMER announced the Zone 4 Optimist meeting at Griswold on September 5. LARRY, RICHARD VORTHMANN, BOB HIBBARD, and BILL VORTHMANN attended with about twenty other optimists from clubs in the local area. The Optimist-of-the-Quarter for each club in the Zone was announced. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter JOHN KLEIN was selected, and for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter LARRY was selected. JOHN was also selected as the Optimist-of-the-Zone for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter. Our club is currently at the 'Silver' level of meeting requirements for Honor Club recognition. With two additional members before the end of this month we could qualify for the 'Gold' level.

LES HARVEY expressed appreciation for all Optimists who worked at the first home football game last Friday. Autos overflowed the parking field. Thanks to RICHARD, JOHN, BOB, BILL, CRAIG McCLELLAN, TERSA FAHRENKRUG, GEORGE SCHNEIDER, and GARY FUNKHOUSER for their service.

JOHN announced that the After-the-Prom-Committee had asked for the their usual January, through March can collection period. Thanks to JOHN, BOB, TERESA, TIM GRIENER, LES and MILLI HARVEY, and KEVIN, MARSHA, and JERYL UNDERWOOD for helping the Boy Scouts with can and bottle sorting in August. The first sorting for the S. W. Honor Band is next Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS IN THE STREAMS?

GARY GUTTAU is a science teacher and a farmer. He is attuned to the environment and how agricultural management can influence the quality of surface waters in the creeks and streams flowing across Iowa farms. When a program called IOWATER was announced he became one of the volunteers across the state to monitor the water quality of streams. GARY explained there are several chemical, physical, and biological observations that make up the assessment of water quality. For a modest enrollment fee IOWATER provides field training and a monitoring kit of equipment and information to be used for periodic sampling of stream water. According to Gary, monthly or quarterly sampling during usual base flow periods is desired in order to establish a trend of water quality features. These features include color, odor, turbidity, temperature, flow rate, pH, dissolved oxygen, nitrogen, phosphate, and bugs and other living organisms. Gary explained that the living organisms in the water give clues to the water quality. Some are tolerant to polluted water, some are moderately tolerant, and some would not be found in polluted water. Anyone can volunteer for this program which began last year. The information that is collected is available on a web site, Gary noted, and eventually we should be better able to describe the quality of our stream waters as they flow from the agricultural lands to the rivers.

## CALENDAR

## Sept: Can Collection for S.W. IA Honor Band.

- Sept. 9 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Sept. 12 Can sorting, 2 p.m.
- Sept. 15 Football gate (Hamburg), 6:15 p.m.
- Sept. 16 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Sept. 23 Club meeting, program TBA.
- Sept. 29 Football gate, Homecoming (Malvern), 6 p.m.

## Oct: Can Collection for S.W. IA Honor Band

- Oct. 13 Football gate, (Stanton), 6:15 p.m.
- Oct. 27 Football gate, (Nishna Valley), 6:15 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS	9/10 MILLI HARVEY
	9/16 JOHN KLEIN
	9/19 BOB HIBBARD
	9/19 RICHARD SAAR
	9/20 TERESA FAHRENKRUG
	9/30 TIM GRIENER
ANNIVERSARIES	9/26 BILL VORTHMANN

(# recognized to date)

P.S. A stranger, traveling through west Texas, was talking to a farmer and his son at the filling station.

"Looks like we might have a rain," said the traveler.

"Well, I hope so," replied the farmer, "not so much for myself as for my boy, Buck, here. I've already seen rain."

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