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NEXT CLUB MEETING

F The next meeting of the Optimist Club of Treynor is planned June 14, 2008, 7:30 a.m. at the Treynor Community Center. The speaker will be Russ Leger talking about his experience taking a wagon train on the Oregon Trail. The public is invited

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REPORT OF RECENT CLUB MEETING

I The Optimist club met May 31 with 21 members and one guest present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. ARLYN NORRIS offered the devotional prayer.

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The 50/50 was awarded to JIM CLAUSEN. The attendance pot was awarded to TIM GREINER, but it was not collected.

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STEVE IRVIN contributed to the Youth Fund for his birthday. ARLYN NORRIS and STEVE OWENS contributed for their anniversaries.

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Several members helped with the can kennel sorting on May 28 for the Boy Scouts High Adventure. The next can sorting will be June 11 for the Iowa Ambassadors of Music.

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About 68 flags will be put up on Saturday, 14 June for Flag Day. They will be taken down Sunday, 15 June.

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The club lost a great member in VIRGIL HOLST on 31 May. His enthusiasm and hard work will be missed in the Optimist Club. He was 90.

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The Optimist club met June 7 with 14 members and two guests present. President DALE WILLENBORG opened the meeting by leading the pledge. BILL VORTHMAN offered the devotional prayer.

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The 50/50 was awarded to GERALD FORRISTALL. The attendance pot was awarded to JOHN SCHMITT.

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GARY GUTTAU contributed to the Youth Fund. DALE WILLENBORG invited members to contribute to the club memorial fund for VIRGIL HOLST, who passed away last week.

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Leslie Van Winkle visited the club to thank them for the \$300 scholarship she received.

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BILL VORTHMAN won a drawing for a large hanging basket with a hybrid petunia from the Canoyer Greenhouses.

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The Treynor Optimist Club board met with six members present. They approved Can Kennel applications for the After-Prom Committee in December and January 2008, Yearbook in April 2009, the Treynor High Baseball team for May 2009, St. Paul Youth groups in June 2009, and reserved July 2009 for the Optimist Club youth programs. They also approved a donation to the Hugh O'Brien Camp for Elizabeth Green to attend this summer.

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DEFEATING THE BULLY SYSTEM

Steve Owens joined the Optimist Club to speak about what the Treynor Schools are doing to stop bullying. There is a new state program in Iowa that every school in the state has to have a program next year to stop bullying. Treynor started their program this past year.

Treynor is using the Olweus [pronounced OI-VEY-us] Bullying Prevention Program, a research based program. It is a comprehensive, school-wide program designed for use in elementary, middle, or junior high

schools. Its goals are to reduce and prevent bullying problems among school children and to improve peer relations at school.

Bullying is when a person is exposed over a period of time to one or more negative actions on the part of one or more students. The key components of the program are school components, classroom components, individual components, and community components.

Training has involved everyone in the school, including teachers, bus drivers, janitors, and volunteers. The focus is on grades 3-8, but all grades from kindergarten through 12th grade included. The key to the program is prevention and awareness.

Bullying often involves an imbalance in power or strength. Bullying includes direct bullying and indirect bullying, both of which are addressed in the program. Direct bullying includes threats, force, and negative comments. Indirect bullying includes things like spreading rumors, deliberate exclusion from a group, and cyber-bullying.

For more information about the program, see <http://www.clemson.edu/olweus/>

GROWING FLOWERS AND TREES

Craig Canoyer from Canoyer Country Greenhouse was the guest speaker on 7 June. They now have 60,000 square feet of greenhouses in three locations, covering about 1.5 acres.

They don't grow anything from seed, because seeds don't have the quality of cuttings because they can cross pollinate. They produce 30,000 cuttings for geraniums and about 250,000 plants each year. They have 26 varieties of geraniums and 250 different annuals.

Craig said that they use cuttings to start trees. It takes one year to root a tree cutting in a sand bed with a mist on a timer. They start about 300 trees each year.

Rose cuttings are only half as hardy as root division for new roses. They use root division.

The nursery sells 10,000 hanging baskets each year. All plants they sell are patented, so they pay a royalty for each plant cutting they create.

In trees, the Austin Blaze Maple is their most popular tree now. Bayer is expected to produce a chemical next year that will kill the Ash Tree borer next year, but no one is buying Ash trees now.

CALENDAR

June Can Kennel contributions for Iowa Ambassadors of Music.

- 6/11 Can Kennel Sorting, 5:00 p.m.
- 6/14 Flag installation for Flag Day
- 6/15 Flag take down
- 6/25 Can Kennel Sorting
- 6/27 Flag installation for Treynor Days
- 6/29 Flag take down

Birthdays

- 6/5 Bob Abbott, 6/9 Les Harvey, 6/16 Dale Willenborg, 6/20 Jeff Jorgensen, 6/22 Kevin Elwood

Anniversaries

- 6/1 Kevin Elwood, 6/3 Arlyn Norris#, 6/5 Steve Irvin, 6/15 Steve Chambers, 6/26 Larry Kramer, 6/28 Mick Gutttau # recognized to date