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Car Business

Todd Edwards was the speaker on May 8. His grandfather, Robert Edwards, started Key Real Estate and his father, Dave Edwards, owns several car dealerships, including Classic Chevy.

Todd graduated from Lewis Central High School and went to college in Salt Lake City. He served a full time church mission for two years in Pocatello, Idaho. He met his wife in college and graduated in Business and Marketing. He now has an eight month old girl.

In the car business, a typical day is 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Todd's father is slowly backing out of the car business and Todd and his brother Brett are taking over more of the business.

Todd considered the "cash for clunkers" program an effective program. The problem for dealerships is that they ran out of cars.

Trucks are going to get more expensive in the next few years. Although companies were working on high mileage diesel engines, government incentives are now on hybrids and electric cars, so development is moving away from diesel.

The internet is changing the car business. A few years ago people would visit an average of 5.2 dealerships to look for a car. Now they visit an average of 1.4, and do their looking online. Every car dealership now has an internet department. They try to post cars quickly after they are received.

Meeting Minutes

On May 8 Gary Gutttau opened the meeting with the pledge and Dick Baber gave the prayer. Milli Harvey and Keith Denton provided jokes. There were 22 members and two guests in attendance. Chuck Nielson, Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, and Jim Clausen contributed to the Youth fund. Chuck contributed to recognize a new granddaughter, Abigail. Gary's wife Dee was recognized for 35 years at Jenny Edmundson. Chad showed the trophy he received from the YMCA. Jim's last son graduated from college. Les Harvey also contributed for the yearly Youth Recognition program.

Chuck Nielson won the 50-50 drawing and Bill Vorthmann won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

At the last District meeting, Gary Funkhouser and Judy Gutttau were recognized as Optimists of the Year. The Treynor Optimist Club received the Distinguished Club award for 2008-2009 as an Honor's Club.

The Optimist Club held its monthly board meeting on May 8. The main discussions centered around the flag project, verifying college admission for scholarship recipients, and officer elections. Elections will be held on May 15. The board approved giving ten Treynor seniors \$300 each for college expenses.

CALENDAR

May proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Saint Paul Youth Red River Reservation trip
 May 26, can sorting, TBD p.m.

July 29 to August 1 - Iowa Optimist District Convention

Birthdays

May 11 – Keith Denton (celebrated)
 May 20 – Kelly Sutherland
 May 21 - Steve Irvin
 May 22 – Linnea White

Anniversaries

May 27 – Bob & Mary Francis Abbott
 May 29 – Bill & Rhonda Matthew

Speakers

May 22, Ben Lake, Ben Lake Homes
 May 29, Orien Hodges, Santa's Village

Programs

May – Dale Willenborg
 June – Linnea White
 July – Jeff Jorgensen
 Aug – Charlie Johnson
 Sept – Eric Allen
 Oct – Steve Irvin
 Nov – Arlyn Norris
 Dec – Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton

ON GRANDMAS

I was out walking with my 4-year-old Granddaughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that.

'Why?' My Granddaughter asked.

'Because it's been on the ground; you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs,' I replied.

At this point, my Granddaughter looked at me with total admiration and asked 'Grandma, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart.'

I was thinking quickly. 'All Grandmas know this stuff. It's on the Grandma Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Grandma. We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.

'Oh.....I get it!' she beamed, 'So if you don't pass the test you have to be the Grandpa'.

'Exactly,' I replied with a big smile on my face.