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Treynor Basketball

Scott Rucker was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on January 4. He was introduced by Josh Gutttau. Scott teaches Physics, Chemistry, 9th Grade Physical Science and Principles of Engineering, a robot and technology course. He is also the head boys' basketball coach. This is Scott's tenth year at Treynor. He believes his charge is to help young boys become good men. He measures the year by the relationships he makes with his players.

Scott talked of Treynor's tradition of winning. He wants them to have confidence to play free. He reports we have a young team. They are strong 3 point shooters and have good post position players that help the inside game. New State rules help make the game less physical. They have had time to practice over the break and a scrimmage with Harlan. He reports there are no longer summer basketball camps. However, they can play club ball all summer in Omaha to keep their skills up. The team will give back by helping with the Special Olympics this spring.

Calendar

- Jan 24 – Spaghetti supper fundraiser, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Jan 29 – Can kennel sorting for After-Prom Committee.
Time 3:30 p.m.

Birthdays

- Jan 19 – Dennis White

Anniversaries

- None

Programs

- Jan 11 – MaryAnn Hanusa, Iowa Rep
- Jan. 18 – Col. (Ret.) Mike Fischer, DVM
- Jan. 25 – Bob Mantell, financial literacy.

Prayers

The assistant basketball coaches are Thad Nelson, Travis Castle and Joe Chapman.

Scott and his wife Temple have two children. His wife is a physician in Radiology for the Methodist Hospitals of Omaha.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order on January 4. There were 15 members and 2 guests at the meeting. The winners of the Pool for Football Bowl Games were announced by Jim Clausen. Ken Graham was first place and second place was Gary Funkhouser.

Ken Graham gave the opening prayer. Kaylen Anderson came to receive her \$300 scholarship award. Kaylen is attending Iowa State University majoring in Event Management. Marsha Underwood won the 50/50 drawing.

Report was given from the board meeting of decision not to advertise at Dreamland Theater. We will look at option of advertising in the Gazette. We continued to plan for the Spaghetti Supper by signing up for pies and bars.

- Jan 11 – Gary Gutttau
- Jan 18 – Gary Funkhouser
- Jan 25 – Kirk Vorthmann
- Feb 1 – Dale Willenborg
- Feb 8 – Arlyn Norris
- Feb 15 – Chuck Nielsen
- Feb 22 – Ken Graham
- Mar 1 – Dee Gutttau
- Mar 8 –
- Mar 15 –
- Mar 22 – Dennis White
- Mar 29 – Judy Gutttau

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The psychology instructor had just finished a lecture on mental health and was giving an oral test. Speaking specifically about manic depression, she asked, "How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?" A young man in the rear raised his hand and answered, "A basketball coach?"

A basketball coach at Auburn University came up with a unique ploy to obtain taller players for his losing team -- seven foot female cheerleaders.

The Univ of Wisconsin coach gathered his team around him. "OK guys, remember, this is basketball -- a game to develop initiative, your ability to lead & individualization within a team effort. Now go out there and do exactly as I say."

What do you call an unbelievable story about a basketball player? A tall tale.

Hanging in the hallway at Whites High School in Wabash, Ind., are the basketball team pictures from the past 40 years. A player in the center of the front row in each picture holds a basketball identifying the year -- "62-63," "63-64," "64-65," etc. One day I spotted a freshman looking curiously at the photos. Turning to me, he said, "Isn't it strange how the teams always lost by one point?"

Pat Williams, Orlando Magic general manager, on his team's 7-27 record in 1992: "We can't win at home. We can't win on the road. As general manager, I just can't figure out where else to play."

1982 - Chuck Nevitt, North Carolina State basketball player, explaining to Coach Jim Valvano why he appeared nervous at practice: "My sister's expecting a baby, and I don't know if I'm going to be an uncle or an aunt."

1991 - Frank Layden, Utah Jazz president, on a former player: "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you? Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Coach, I don't know and I don't care.'"

1987 - Shelby Metcalf, basketball coach at Texas A&M, recounting what he told a player who received four Fs and one D: "Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."

Shaquille O'Neal on whether he had visited the Parthenon during his visit to Greece: "I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."

Shaquille O'Neal, on his lack of championships: "I've won at every level, except college and pro."