



**Freedom Rocks**



LaDonna Applegate and Doris Bane spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on May 17. They are from Oakland, which has been accepted to receive one of the Freedom Rocks. The goal is to have one Freedom Rock in each county in Iowa.

LaDonna and Doris are two of the six members of the Oakland Friday Coffee Ladies. They get together each week for coffee and to go places.

On July 10 2010 they visited the first Freedom Rock in Greenfield, Iowa. It was created in 1997 by "Bubba" Sorensen as a thank you to our veterans. He repaints it every year.

Approximately 14,000 people stop each year to enjoy this beautiful and educational dedication.

The coffee ladies convinced the city council of Oakland to submit an application in August 2013 and to put down a deposit for the rock. The first city to pay a \$1000 deposit in each county is the one to have the Freedom Rock reserved for their county.

The Ladies also found an appropriate rock at the Macedonia pit. One estimate was that the rock weighs about 30 ton, but most likely it is 50-60 ton.

Now the ladies are raising money for the project. They expect to need \$5000 to Sorenson to paint the rock and \$1000 in paint and other expenses

**Calendar**

May 28 – Can kennel sorting for Zion Youth

**Birthdays**

May 11 – Keith Denton  
 May 21 - Steve Irvin  
 May 22 - Kirk Vorthmann

**Anniversaries**

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

**Speakers**

May 24 –

for painting it. They hope to get it moved for \$1000, but that will be based on the actual weight of the rock, and is probably a very optimistic cost. They also want to set up an endowment fund to support the rock repainting in the future, which needs to be done every 8-10 years. Tax deductible contributions can be sent to: Freedom Rock Fund, 39503 Honeysuckle Road, Oakland, Iowa 51560-4207.

Information about the future Freedom Rock in Oakland is available at:

[facebook.com/thepottawattamiecountyfreedomrock](https://www.facebook.com/thepottawattamiecountyfreedomrock)

More information and pictures are available at: [thefreedomrock.com/](http://thefreedomrock.com/). A map of Iowa counties that have applied to have a Freedom Rock painted is available at:

[thefreedomrock.com/freedom-rock-tour/](http://thefreedomrock.com/freedom-rock-tour/)

**Meeting Minutes**

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on May 17.

Gary Funkhouser and Dee Gutttau provided jokes. Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Richard Vorthmann gave the opening prayer.

Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Ken Graham, and Bill Vorthmann helped with Can Kennel sorting on Wednesday. There were 1022 bottles, 29½ bags of cans, and 19½ bags of plastic.

Richard Vorthmann and Gary Funkhouser helped with the track meet. The school has asked for volunteers to help with collecting money for softball games. The Optimist Club will be paid for their assistance. Gary Funkhouser is coordinating volunteer signup. One person is needed for each game.

Flags will be put out on Saturday, May 24. Help is needed.

Auction items sold for \$4.

Linda Danker won the 50/50 drawing this week. Mick Gutttau won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 14 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

May 31 – Amanek – national director for Child Evangelism Fellowship in Southeast European countries

June 7 – Rachael Brockway – Indian Relations

June 14 –

June 21 – Candice Gregory – Open Door Mission

June 28 –

July 5 –

July 12 – Brad Silvey – Girl's Soccer Coach at IWCC

**Prayers**

May 24 — Chuck Nielson

Q: Did you hear the one about the geologist? A: He took his wife for granite so she left him.

Q: What did the boy volcano say to the girl volcano? A: I Lava You!

Q: Why did the geologist take his girlfriend to the quarry? A: He wanted to get a little boulder.

Q: How did the geology student drown? A: His grades were below C-level.

Watson: Holmes! What kind of rock is this! Holmes: Sedimentary, my dear Watson.