



**Fire Awareness**



Jack O'Connell and Terry Lindsley spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 19. Jack started as a volunteer firefighter in 1970 and Terry has participated for 11 years. They talked about home fires.

They said that the kitchen is the most likely place for a fire to start. When smoke alarms go off in your house, you should not go looking for what set off the fire alarm. Get out of the house.

Smoke can burn. A flashover is when a smoke filled room suddenly ignites. The smoke gets hot and basically explodes.

People should practice exit drills in their homes. Everyone should know the closest exit and have a meeting place outside. You can purchase quick release ladders for upstairs rooms. They encourage people to sleep with their doors open.

**Calendar**

Oct 24 – Optimist District Meeting in Coralville, IA

**Birthdays**

Sep 9 - Arlyn Norris  
 Sep 9 - Dee Guttau  
 Oct 17 – Marsha Underwood  
 Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann

911 calls on a cell phone goes directly to the nearest emergency center. The emergency center can identify the location of the call.

The life of a smoke detector is 10 years, but batteries should be changed every year.

70-80% of firefighting in Iowa is done by volunteers in the county.

**Meeting Minutes**

Dee Guttau opened the meeting on Sept 19, led the pledge of allegiance, and gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton, Richard Vorthmann and Dale Willenborg provided humor.

Mick Guttau won the 50/50 and Chad Guttau won the attendance award.

A gourd basket brought \$6 at the auction and a bottle of wine brought \$5. Dennis White won the football pool. Jim Clausen won it last week.

For bragging rights, Judy Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund for the opening of a branch of TS Bank at Wilson Middle School. Lavern Goos is celebrating 60 years of marriage. Dee brought rolls for Kirk Vorthmann.

Arlyn Norris reported that his wife is doing well. He is going to Tanzania on Sept 20 for three weeks. They have moved some items to their house in Tucson and will spend the winter down there.

John Klein reported that there were 40 youth at the JOOI Club meeting.

Dee gave out Club President awards to Ken Graham because he always helps with events and to Gary Funkhouser because he always boxes bottles for the can kennel.

There were 15 members and two guests at the meeting.

**Anniversaries**

Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann  
 Oct 13 – Dale & Dianne Willenborg  
 Oct 17 – Dennis & Kay White

**1. Safety Seminar**

When the employees of a restaurant attended a fire safety seminar, they watched a fire official demonstrate the proper way to operate an extinguisher.

'Pull the pin like a hand grenade,' he explained, 'then depress the trigger to release the foam.'

Later an employee was selected to extinguish a controlled fire in the parking lot. In her nervousness, she forgot to pull the pin. The instructor hinted, 'Like a hand grenade, remember?'

In a burst of confidence she pulled the pin, and hurled the extinguisher at the blaze.

**2. Fire Safety Tips**

On An Office Safety Board: In case of a fire don't panic. Simply flee the building with the same reckless abandon that occurs at the end of each work day.