



**Goggle Farm, our Neighbor**



Ken Young spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on January 16. He has been a technology worker for Google for three years. He graduated from ISU in Electrical Engineering and worked on a Master's Degree in Digital Signal and Image Processing.

Google has been in existence for 16 years. Google makes the Android operating system, Gmail (which has over 1 billion users), Google Apps, YouTube, Google Maps and Streetview, and self-driving cars, among other things. They are also investigating providing internet to areas that don't have any, including Africa and India.

Google is in Council Bluffs because of the concentration of fiber optics here and because electrical power is cheap. Google makes most it's money from ads. Larry Page, the founder of Google, developed a better search algorithm and better placement of ads than the competition, so Google has become the premier search engine.

Ken's group is in charge of installing, maintaining, and removing equipment. He is over three global groups, training, technical writing, and analytics (also called operations research). Operations research determines how to do things more efficiently.

Google is investing heavily in Cloud Computing. They offer about 36 different services to companies to help them manage their computing infrastructure.

Google builds their own computers for their data centers, mainly because they don't need high end

graphics and other features that people would need for their home computers. They do a lot of testing on their systems and programs to prevent viruses and program crashes.

**Meeting Minutes**

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on January 16, led the pledge of allegiance, and Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer. Bill Vorthmann provided some trivia for humor.

Bill Vorthmann brought biscuits and gravy. The gravy was from a can and next week he will bring gravy from a mix as a comparison.

Several members noted that the new restaurant is open in Treynor and that the food is good. They do not have steaks.

The Zone meeting for January 16 was cancelled and will be combined with the regional meeting on February 6.

The cub scouts picked up their can kennel check from November. The can kennel has provided \$132,172 for youth activities in the community.



Judy Gutttau won the 50/50 and Richard Vorthmann won the attendance award. There were 12 members and 5 guests at the meeting.

**Calendar**

- Jan 27 Can Kennel Sorting for Jr/Sr. Prom-time 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 6 – Regional Optimist meeting in Council Bluffs
- TBD – club breakfast fundraiser

**Birthdays**

- Jan 19 – Dennis White
- Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann
- Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser

**Anniversaries**

- Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
- Feb 23 – Richard & Luetta Vorthmann

**Speakers**

- Jan 23: "Super Chickens in Treynor". Clint and Melissa Anderson run a chicken growing operation outside Treynor working with a company called Smart Chicken
- Jan 30: "Poverty in Treynor? Say it Ain't So!" City Manager Kelly Groskurth, and Food Pantry Manager Janelle Keysor will speak about poverty in Treynor.

**Programs**

- Jan – Kirk Vorthmann
- Feb – Gary Funkhouser
- Mar – John Klein
- April – Chad Gutttau
- May – Gary Gutttau
- June – Dale Willenborg
- July – Jeff Jorgensen will take the first two. Last two open for suggestions.
- Aug – Mick Gutttau
- Sept – Ken Graham
- Oct – Bill Vorthmann
- Nov – Judy Gutttau
- Dec - Chuck Nielsen

**Can Kennel Applications Pending**

- Iowa Ambassadors of Music-Heather Beam, 402-250-0366, Europe Trip 2016
- Music Boosters-Shoening-12/23/2015 – Request Aug or Sept