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## Greg Forristall

Greg Forristall spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on February 11. Greg is serving his sixth term in

the Iowa House of Representatives.

Greg and his wife Carol live in rural Macedonia. She has taught music in Iowa public schools for 35 years.

Greg serves on the Education committee as the Vice Chairman. He also serves on the Labor, Human Resources, and Ways and Means

committees in the Iowa house.

Greg said the current legislative session started on January 11. They are currently working on budget cuts, since the September revenue estimate came in lower than expected. The Iowa Constitution says the State must balance its budget. The state gets spring and fall budget estimates and the September estimate requires a \$117M cut in the state expenses.

Governor Branstad has been nominated to be the U.S. Ambassador to China. He will need to have 100 people assist him in his new assignment. When Branstad is confirmed Kim Reynolds, the Lt Governor, will become Governor. She will pick a new Lt. Governor.

Greg said that water quality is a major issue in Iowa. To improve water quality, the state will have to do some type of cost sharing with farmers. Kirk Vorthmann said that the use of dual purpose fertilizers, anhydrous and fertilizer applied about six inches deep, should help reduce runoff.

Greg said that the Republicans took control of the House in 2010 and gained the Senate in 2016.

The House is working closely with the Senate to get work done.

The state has very little money to with, so they will probably have no new programs. The low price of corn and soybeans has caused much of the State funding shortage.

Every five years the legislature reviews tax credits. The largest tax credits are for earned income credit and no tax on food. Greg doesn't expect the Legislature to change those tax credits.

The Medicaid budget is a required Federal program, so the State cannot change much there. The State spends about \$1.7B each year on Medicaid.

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## Meeting Minutes

The Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club served breakfast, consisting of pancakes, sausage, and orange juice.

President Kirk Vorthmann called the February 11, 2017 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Legion Room of the Treynor Community Center. Fourteen members and twenty-two guests were present.

Dale Willenborg provided humor. Kirk led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the opening prayer.

Carol Forristall won the 50/50 drawing and Bob Mantell won the attendance prize, but did not collect. For bragging rights, Bill Vorthmann recognized his father's birthday and his grandson seeing Santa Claus. Kirk Vorthmann recognized Kelly's two girls playing basketball and volleyball.

For community news, John Klein said that the elementary school is having a dance after school

on Friday for grades K-5. It is sponsored by Cardinal Core.

Anika Voss was getting her feeding tube removed. Yesterday was day 7 of her recovery. She will be considered in critical condition until day 30.

They are having a potato bar at Zion Church tomorrow, from 11:00 until the food is gone.

There were a lot of youth helping with the Can Kennel. Proceeds are \$142,658.03. After Prom receipts were \$1442.65.

**Calendar**

Mar 21 – Pruning Party at the Elementary School

Apr 12 – Mulch Madness with the Master Gardeners

**Birthdays**

Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann

Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser

**Anniversaries**

Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen

Feb 23 – Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann

**Speakers**

**Programs**

February - Bill and Ann Vorthmann

March - Chad Guttau

All Optimist Club members have paid their dues. The JOI Club will have a “Keep Kids Alive” meeting at 9:00 a.m. today. The JOI Club also had a record amount of food collected for the food pantry.

Next week there will not be a speaker. The Optimist Regional meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. at Salem United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs.

For auction items, a candle in a box brought \$4. Three boxes brought \$1, and a Sports Illustrated about the Cubs brought \$0.25.

April - Gary Funkhouser

May -

June - Jim Clausen

July - First two weeks open

Last two – Jerry Hempel

August - First two weeks open

Last weeks – Bob Mantell

September - Ken Graham

October - Gary Guttau

November - Mick Guttau

December –