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### **Optimists visit the Glenwood Redemption Center**

The Treynor Optimists visited the Glenwood Redemption Center on Saturday, January 6. John Klein arranged the visit and seven Optimist members toured the facility.



The Center recycles for five different vendors: Pepsi, Coke, Dr. Pepper, Dahl Distributing, and Crinc (recycling center in Des Moines). Plastics are sorted by size of bottles and companies. Vendors take only their own cans, plastics, and bottles. Cans are sorted 240 cans per bag. Crinc in Des Moines takes all of the odd bottles, which are sorted by light and dark glass.

Some redemption centers have storage problems, but the Glenwood facility has a large shed across the street from where they are located which is used in the summer for sorting.

There are six staff members including the Director Diana Sayers, who gave the tour, a driver, a lead staff person plus three others. There are seventeen clients of the Glenwood Resource Center who work there full time. It is a popular job and clients apply and are interviewed for passion. They are tested to determine their production rate and paid accordingly.

The Center is a noisy, dirty job so lots of cleaning is required. Ear plugs and gloves are provided to the 17 clients who do the sorting at the Center.

The driver picks up at 48 different locations, Tabor, Malvern, all Casey's, and Treynor is one of the most distant locations. The Redemption Center appreciate that the workers at the Can Kennel in Treynor sort out unwanted trash from the recyclables. The Optimists thank the community members who take care to not add unwanted trash.



**Plastic Sorting Area**



**Gary Guttau meets Director Diana Sayers after arranging pick-ups many times on the phone.**

*Meetings will resume from 8 – 9 AM at the Treynor Community Building (Legion Room) on January 13, 2018. Come join us in helping support our youth and learn from interesting speakers!*

Thanks to Dee Gutttau for taking notes and pictures.

#### **Calendar**

#### **Birthdays**

Jan 19 – Dennis White  
Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser

#### **Anniversaries**

#### **Programs**

January - John Klein  
February - Chad Gutttau

#### **Speakers**

Jan. 13 – Tom Becca, radio and TV personality  
Jan. 20 - Lynne Branigan, Manawa Dream Playground  
Jan. 27 – Rocky & Beau Saar, Restoration Auto Business

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