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Lynne Branigan, Dream Playground

Lynne Branigan, Chairman of the Dream Playground Re-Imagined Project at Lake Manawa, spoke to the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, January 20. In 1993 she served as the CB JayCees President who led the Playground Project at Lake Manawa State Park.



L-R. John Klein, Lynne Branigan

In 2016 Justin Schultz approached Branigan about the need for revitalizing the Playground. In cleaning closets she discovered she still had the Planning Guide for the Community Playground from the first playground. A committee of Justin Schultz, Justin James, Lori Shields, Barry Cleaveland, and Lynne Branigan plus the CB Leadership Class are leading the cause to revitalize the Dream Playground.

The new playground will have a minimum of a 50 year life and be ADA accessible, which 25 years ago was not a requirement.

The Playground will have age group areas, including activity panels such as for ABCs, Sign Language. As was done 25 years ago, the new playground was designed by children in 12 schools. 1786 designs were submitted for

evaluation. The same designer and architect are being used as 25 years ago.

Included in the project are figures/mini facades of significant historical events/buildings in Council Bluffs. In addition there are walking pathways that represent the Wabash, Lewis & Clark and Mormon Trails. Historical tiles are sprinkled into the design as are well-placed benches.

The group has a goal of raising \$750,000, not counting lots of in-kind help. Lake Manawa is a State Park and they are reaching out to all in the area. 1800 people are needed to help – youth and adults volunteers. May 11-13 is the date for site preparation. May 22-27 it will be built.

A composite picket fence is being constructed around the playground and pickets are being sold for \$100 each and will have a name placed on the picket. It is urgent your donation be sent soon. Checks for all amounts large and small are to be made out to the CB Community Education Foundation, Attn: Dream Playground Re-Imagined, 300 W. Broadway, Suite 212, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. Gifts can also be made online: www.commedfoundation.org.

Follow the project on
Facebook@DreamPlaygroundReimagined.

You can also contact Lynne Branigan at 712-325-1167 or branigan2004@gmail.com.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, President, conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club on January 20, 2018. There were 11 members present plus guest, Lynne Branigan. The meeting began with humor by Keith Denton and Gary Gutttau followed by the pledge of allegiance. Judy Gutttau offered the prayer.

Marsha Underwood, won the 50/50 drawing. Jerry Hempel won the attendance prize but was not present.

Kevin Underwood donated to the Youth Fund for Bailey Anderson for being the high scorer at Tuesday night's St. Alberts basketball game. Lou Howell contributed for Treynor hosting the 25 school district speech contest this day.

John Klein announced a gift was received of 5 cases of bags from Casey's Headquarters to be used for the can kennel. Judy will notify Ann Vorthmann to send a thank you. John gave a brief update on the Tristan Trail. Brian Leaders and Michelle Franks are also providing guidance.

The Club decided by consensus to present a \$100 donation for a picket for the Dream Playground at Manawa and to present it to our speaker, Lynne Branigan, today. A membership contact to Heidi Lunn will be made by Dee Guttau.

The Board meeting is being delayed until next week, Jan. 27 after the meeting.

The can kennel sorting will be this Wednesday at 3:30 PM which is helping the Jr. After Prom Committee.

Next week meet as usual at the Community Building and as a group we will go to Rock Hard Motors to learn about Rocky and Beau Saar's Restoration Auto Business.

Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs! Optimist Club meetings run from 8-9 AM each Saturday morning at the Treynor Community Building (Legion Room). The coffee is always on and donuts are served.

Kingisms – Sayings of our friend, Duane King:

- Be nice to your children; they will choose your nursing home.
- Smoking may not send you to Hell, but may make you smell like you've been there.
- It's a shame that the problems of life don't come to us when we are 18, when we know it all.

Calendar

Jan. 27 – Board Meeting after Meeting
Jan. 28 – JOI Club Food Drive Collection
Feb. 10 – Regional Optimist Meeting – CB Library

Birthdays

Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser
Mar 2 – Ward Chambers

Anniversaries

Mar 4 – Gene & Erika Seran

Programs

January - John Klein
February - Chad Guttau
March – Dale Willenborg

Speakers

Jan. 27 – Rocky & Beau Saar, Restoration Auto Business
Feb 17 – Mary Mosely, State Auditor

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