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Tyler Steele Speaks

Tyler Steele, son of Lynnette Vorthmann Steele, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Sat., October 7 about his experience as an intern to Senator Chuck Grassley in Washington, DC from May 20 to July 1, 2017.



L-R: Tyler Steele, nephew of Bill Vorthmann.

Tyler, a native of Anita, IA, is a senior at Creighton University, majoring in Pre-Med. He first met Senator Grassley at a meeting in Adair Co. in March of 2017 and asked a question regarding taxes and was then encouraged to apply for an internship.

This unpaid adventure required him to have more suits, buy a plane ticket for his first ever flight, to take his first taxi to his housing, which was small and shared with three others, and to learn to get around a big city.

There are three types of internships – legislative, press, and administrative. As a legislative intern he researched issues, answered constituents' letters and worked with the health care aide in an attempt to redo affordable health care. As an administrative intern, he gave tours and learned more about the Capitol and learned to walk backwards while touring, almost backing into Senator Cruz. He learned quickly from the

elevator operator that the Senate elevator is just for Senators!



Judy shared a picture she had of Tyler guiding a tour in 2017 she and Shianne participated in. Tyler is the tall one on the left.

Tyler particularly liked going to hearings related to medical topics when there was space and if his time allowed.

During his time there, he experienced more collaboration across lines than one hears on the news and a lot of respect among the Senators.

Tyler shared that he currently is a singer and an officer in an acapella group, JayBeats, founded three years ago. They currently perform concerts on campus. He has also served on a student committee to write student life policy. Tyler is also working on a research project about vaccinations in the 50 states. He currently hopes to be an Emergency Room Doctor.

Meeting Minutes

New Vice President Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order. Fifteen members were present plus three guests, speaker Tyler Steele and Roger and Ann Vorthmann. Kirk Vorthmann, Bill Vorthmann, and Chad Guttau shared a joke followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kirk Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. Chad Guttau won the 50/50 award and Jeff Jorgensen

won the attendance drawing but was not present. Kevin Underwood won the Football Contest.

For bragging rights, Judy Guttau contributed for the Treynor football game win against Mo Valley. Kevin Underwood paid to announce that Carter White played in the St. Albert game. Jim Clausen paid to announce that Tim and Christy Clausen have a baby boy. Keith Denton paid to share that they had taken an European trip to Fehman Island and met with some Stortenbeckers. Kirk Vorthmann shared that his wife had good twin family conversation recently with Rosemary Meis, who just passed.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries to observe.

The Can Kennel sorting helpers were John Klein, Chad and Dee Guttau, Gary Funkhouser and Ken Graham. Flag helpers were Gary, Dee, and Chad Guttau, Ken Graham, Dale Willenborg, and John Klein.

Flags will be taken down at 5 PM on Tuesday. If it is raining, it will happen at the same time on Wednesday. It was suggested that spray painting take place this fall to mark spots. Dennis White will check with the TRA about storing flags. One problem presented was that some poles are bending and some hole slots are not straight.

John Klein announced that the town of Treynor has been notified about assistance that will be provided with the Keep Kids Alive project. Walkability studies will be conducted next year seeking residents' input.

Judy Guttau announced that a TS Community Foundation Seminar will be taking place at the Community Building on Tuesday with a program entitled: Journey to Your Vision.

It was announced that Lou Howell's friend has just passed.

John Klein announced the need for large size can sorting gloves.

Gary Funkhouser information learned about the human trafficking program sponsored by the

Underwood Optimists. It was noted that the Treynor Jr. Women have indicated a desire to host this program and will reach out to the Treynor Optimists for their assistance. This information spurred further discussion among the members and guests about issues in the area.

John Klein presented the idea of selling ear plugs at WestFair for loud events.

Mick Guttau commented on attending his first Limousin sale at Roger and Ann Vorthmann's. They reported this is their 16th sale and have bids from around the nation.

Gary Funkhouser also reported that the Treynor JOI Club baked 1000 cookies for Cookie Crumbs.

Keith Denton shared a few stories about the windmills in Holland and how the word "Yodel" began!

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by stating the Optimists Pledge.

Ask your kids or grandkids:

- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?
- What is the speed of dark?
- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

Calendar

Oct 9	Flags to be taken down 5 PM
Oct 17	Can kennel sorting for Boy Scouts

Birthdays

Oct 17	Marsha Underwood
Oct 29	Bill Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Oct 13	Dale & Dianne Willenborg
Oct 17	Dennis & Kay White

Programs

October	Bill Vorthmann
November	Keith Denton

Speakers

Oct. 13	Marlyn Lein (sp?) – CB Librarian
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