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Civil Air Patrol Program

The program on Saturday, March 30, 2019 for the Treynor Optimist Club was about the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). Christine Perquin, 2nd Lieutenant, in charge of recruitment of cadets and Michael Penada, Cadet Lt. Colonel of the Squadron spoke. Michael was awarded Cadet of the Year in the Nebraska Wing.



Christine Perquin, Michael Penada

The Mission of the Civil Air Patrol is supporting America's communities with emergency response, diverse aviation and ground services, youth development, and promotion of air, space, and cyber power.

The program began when a retired WWI pilot was trying to figure out how civilians with pilots' licenses could help. It originated Dec. 1, 1941, just prior to Pearl Harbor being attacked on Dec. 7. In the beginning there were only senior members and later many younger cadets. There are over 60,000 members.

The CAP is custodian to 507 Air Force planes in Nebraska. They have a Cessna 172 and 183.

CAP is congressionally chartered and operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It is the official civilian auxiliary of the US Air Force and performs other missions as a nonprofit. CAP is made up of eight geographic regions consisting of 52 wings (the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia). The focus is on 1) emergency service, 2) cadet programs, and 3) aerospace education.

Emergency Services: They conduct 90 percent of inland search and rescue as tasked by the Air Force and other agencies. First aid training is taught. They provide aerial reconnaissance for homeland security,

they provide disaster-relief photography such as with hurricanes, and they transport time-sensitive medical materials, and assist in the War on Drugs.

Cadet Programs: Cadets can participate between the ages of 12 and 20 and they are educated in areas of leadership, aerospace, fitness and character development. The goal is to have cadets experience flying in five powered aircraft, five non-powered aircraft, and five hot air balloons. There is a huge pilot shortage in the US and so there is a huge push in the US to have more pilots.

Aerospace Education: A fun experience in their Wing was that a high level balloon with computer chips was launched in NE, reached 103,000 feet and travelled two hours into Missouri with a parachute deploying before dropping. The balloon was six feet in diameter when it started and it had inflated to larger than a room size. At age 16, cadets can apply for the National Academy which is a two week training camp. There is one in Fremont, NE. Ground-up flying is taught to 24 cadets at the academy for \$800 each. They will get 10 hours of flight time, fly cross country and receive a solo wing. It actually takes 40 hours to be licensed.

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at the TRA. Twelve members were present and two guests, speakers Christine Perquin and Michael Penada.

Keith Denton shared a joke followed by the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.



Dale Willenborg presented a plaque to Judy Gutttau for winning the 2017-2018 District Award for Small Clubs Newsletter Award, announced at the recent District Meeting in Council Bluffs. Judy gave credit to Dale for setting up the initial newsletter template. Dale

reported there were 100 people at the District Meeting and it was a good meeting.

The group applauded Rhonda Greiner, manager of the TRA, for the good breakfast.

There were no 50/50 or Attendance drawings today. There were no anniversaries or birthdays observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund: 1) Chad Guttau for attending a lobbying dinner at the Cub Club in Des Moines, 2) Kevin and Marsha Underwood announced that Bailey White had received an All-SWI Basketball Team honor, 3) Bill Vorthmann donated because of Judy's Optimist Newsletter award, 4) Dale Willenborg announced the birth of twins Lydia and Calvin. 5) Dale also contributed because of the tour of the Palace Barn last week. 6) John Klein donated to announce that his daughter Holly is engaged and the wedding is planned for September 29.

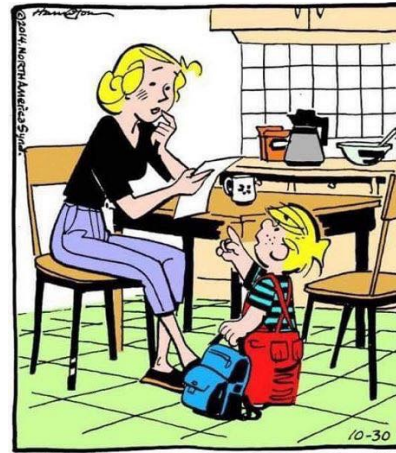
New Business: Can Kennel sorting will be this Wednesday at 3:30 PM to benefit the JOII Club.

Bill Vorthmann stated there are 31 Optimist Club Scholarship applications and is circulating the applications for review.

Community News: John reminded the group of the ISU Community Transportation Planning Workshop today which was planned by Visioning Treynor, a spin-off of Keep Kids Alive, which is a spin-off of JOII Club.

John also announced that Mulch Madness will be April 25 at the Elementary School. Many volunteers are needed to help the 5th graders from 12:30-3:00 PM. Let John know if you can volunteer.

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



"DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT THE TEACHER SAYS. SHE'S BEEN IN KINDERGARTEN FOR 15 YEARS."

Calendar

- Apr. 3 Can Kennel Sorting – 3:30 PM
- Apr. 6 Treynor Athletic Booster Bash
- Apr. 25 Mulch Madness – volunteer to help 5th graders mulch trees 12:30-3:00 PM
- Apr. 28 Optimist Youth Appreciation Event

Birthdays

- Apr. 20 Steve Chambers
- Apr. 24 Linda Danker
- Apr. 25 Irvin Saar
- Apr. 28 Gene Seran

Anniversaries

- Apr. 7 Jim and Diane Clausen

Programs

- April John Klein
- May Gary Funkhouser
- June Mick Guttau (first 3 weeks)
- Open (last 2 weeks)

Speakers

- April 6: Tom Becca, TV Fox 42 News Commentator
- April 13: Vision Treynor Plans – Travis Castle, Doug Wehring
- April 20: Kevin White, SWI sports writer Nonpareil and World Herald
- April 27: East & West Pott. Conservation District's new Conservation Education leader: Paige Volkens

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