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2008-2010	2009-2011
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Report of Recent Club Speakers

Jan Riggerbach was the speaker this week. She writes a column for the Omaha World Herald. She presented a slide show about spring gardening for vegetables, flowers, shrubs, and bushes.

Jan tests many seeds and plants before they become readily available. She has a variety of favorites in any category. She has a website where she publishes gardening information:

<http://www.midwestgardening.com>. The website includes the favorites mentioned in her newspaper column, along with monthly gardening hints. She has published three books, "Midwest Gardener's Handbook", "Ortho's All About Perennials", and "HGTV Landscape Makeovers" which are available to order through her website.

Meeting Minutes

Gary Guttau opened the meeting with the pledge and Steve Irvin gave the prayer. Chuck Nielsen and Jim Clausen provided jokes. There were 15 members and one guest in attendance.

Dick Baber won the 50-50 drawing. Wes Nelson won the attendance drawing, but did not collect it. The club auctioned cookies and donuts for the Youth Fund and collected \$12.

There will be a Board Meeting next Saturday. There will be a Zone meeting Tuesday, March 9 at the Griswold Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

CALENDAR

- March proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Jr. Optimist Club
- Mar 9 – Optimist Zone meeting in Griswold, 7:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church
- Mar 13 – Treynor Optimist Board Meeting
- Mar 14 – Cub Scout Pack meeting, 3:00 p.m.
- Mar 17 – Can Sorting – 5:30 p.m.
- Mar 31 – Can sorting – 5:30 p.m.

Birthdays

- Mar 2 – Ward Chambers
- Mar 11 – Kenneth Graham
- Mar 20 – Jon Jacobsen

Anniversaries

- Mar 4 – Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 – Keith & Georgia Denton
- Mar 15 – Dick & Betty Baber
- Mar 15 – Jeff & Carrie Nelson

Speakers

- Mar 13 – Pending
- Mar 20 - Bob Allen: Writes for Nonpareil: Program on astronomy
- Mar 27 - Lou Jensen: Asst: Professor at Creighton Univ. Clinical Education on Strokes and rehabilitation

Programs

- Mar – Dick Baber
- Apr – Chad Guttau
- May – Dale Willenborg
- June – Linea White
- July – Jeff Jorgensen
- Aug – Charlie Johnson
- Sept – Eric Allen
- Oct – Steve Irvin
- Nov – Arlyn Norris
- Dec – Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton

The real meaning of plant catalog terminology:

- "A favorite of birds" means to avoid planting near cars, sidewalks, or clotheslines.
- "Grows more beautiful each year" means "Looks like roadkill for the foreseeable future."
- "Zone 5 with protection" is a variation on the phrase "Russian roulette."
- "May require support" means your daughter's engineering degree will finally pay off.
- "Moisture-loving" plants are ideal for landscaping all your bogs and swamps.
- "Carefree" refers more to the plant's attitude than to your workload.
- "Vigorous" is code for "has a Napoleonic compulsion to take over the world."
- "Grandma's Favorite" -- until she discovered free-flowering, disease-resistant hybrids.

A farmer purchased an old, run-down, abandoned farm with plans to turn it into a thriving enterprise. The fields were grown over with weeds, the farmhouse was falling apart, and the fences were broken down. During his first day of work, the town preacher stops by to bless the man's work, saying, "May you and God work together to make this the farm of your dreams!"

A few months later, the preacher stops by again to call on the farmer. Lo and behold, it's a completely different place. The farm house is completely rebuilt and in excellent condition, there is plenty of cattle and other livestock happily munching on feed in well-fenced pens, and the fields are filled with crops planted in neat rows. "Amazing!" the preacher says. "Look what God and you have accomplished together!"

"Yes, reverend," says the farmer, "but remember what the farm was like when God was working it alone!"

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