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Candidate for Iowa Governor

Charles Johnson introduced Rod Roberts from Carroll, Iowa, a candidate for governor on June 5. Roberts was first elected to the legislature in 2000 and has completed 5 terms. He is now the senior member of the House Republican leaders.

Roberts feels 2010 will be a very significant election year because of great unrest by the public. He believes this will be the "Year of the People" and that the governor's position and house will probably be won by the Republicans and possibly the Senate. Roberts encourages voting especially with the new "same day" registration option this year.

Roberts endorses spending 99% of the budget income, was against the state stimulus bonding and supports the right to work law. He will try to eliminate all corporate taxes. He supports less regulatory activity by the state, less government not more government, and would deny taxpaying benefits for illegal aliens. Roberts will try to stop the model curriculum project for schools. He would also like to privatize state vehicles.

Roberts feels there is disconnect between the people and their government. He says the legislature should have been called into special session to reduce the budget rather than have a 10% cut by almost all departments.

Treynor Speech

Marilyn Long, the speech teacher at Treynor for 11 years, spoke to the Optimist Club on June 12. She originally taught grades 10-12, but now teacher 9th and 10th grades. Every student has to take speech.

Speech contests begin the end of January with the District Contest. Students and groups need a Division I rating to go to the State contest. This year seven students went to the State contest in individual categories, along with the group improvisation. There is one judge for the district contest and three for the state contest.

Students can compete in a variety of areas, including radio news, mime, acting, and storytelling. The main challenges in speaking are fear and getting enough practice time. Girls often have to work on projecting and not being timid.

Mrs. Long graduated from Fremont Mills High School and went to college at Iowa State University. She met her husband at ISU. They have three children. Her favorite speech is Susan B. Anthony's speech on suffrage.

Meeting Minutes

On June 5 Gary Gutttau opened the meeting with the pledge and Chuck Nielsen gave the prayer. There were 16 members and 13 guests in attendance.

Steve Irvin contributed to the Youth Fund to celebrate his wedding anniversary. Charlie Johnson contributed for his niece and nephew who were visiting. His niece graduated with a degree in Elementary Education.

Bill Vorthmann, Chad Gutttau, and Gary Gutttau helped with the Can Kennel on Wednesday. Several people also helped Mike Travis' fifth grade class plant three trees at the softball fields on Thursday.

Mick Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Steve Irvin won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

The Optimist Club will put up flags for Treynor Days, and again for July 4 weekend.

The Optimist Club met on June 12 with 23 members and three guests. Keith Denton, Mick Gutttau, and Dale Willenborg provided jokes. Ken Graham gave the opening prayer.

Dale Willenborg and Jeff Jorgensen were recognized for their June birthdays. Arlyn & Wanda Norris were recognized for their 38th wedding anniversary and Bob and Mary Francis Abbott for their 50th anniversary on May 27.

Dale Willenborg and Mick Gutttau contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights. Gerald Forristall won the 50/50 drawing and Bill Matthew won the attendance, but did not collect.

Curtis Goos, Kayle Rogers, and Tayler Geer attended the meeting and discussed their college plans. They won college scholarships from the Optimist Club.

CALENDAR

June proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Min-4H. Jamie Poland is the sponsor.
 June 30, time 6:30 p.m.
 July 29 to August 1 - Iowa Optimist District Convention

Birthdays

June 5 – Bob Abbott
 June 9 – Les Harvey
 June 16 – Dale Willenborg (recognized)
 June 20 – Jeff Jorgensen (recognized)
 June 22 – Kevin Elwood

Anniversaries

May 27 – Bob & Mary Francis Abbott
 June 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood
 June 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris (recognized)
 June 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin (recognized)
 June 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers
 June 26 – Larry & Sharon Kramer
 June 28 – Mick & Judy Gutttau

Speakers

June 26 – Josh Gutttau

Programs

June – Linnea White
 July – Jeff Jorgensen
 Aug – Charlie Johnson
 Sept – Eric Allen
 Oct – Steve Irvin
 Nov – Arlyn Norris
 Dec – Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton

Eleven people were hanging on a rope under a helicopter, ten men and one woman. The rope was not strong enough to carry them all, so they decided that one had to drop off. Otherwise they were all going to fall.

They were not able to choose that person, but then the woman made a very touching speech. She said that she would voluntarily let go of the rope, because as a woman, she was used to giving up everything for her husband and kids, and for men in general, without ever getting anything in return.

As soon as she finished her speech, all the men started clapping their hands...