



Pottawattamie County Tourism

Josie Baier, Pottawattamie County Tourism coordinator, spoke about promoting tourism in the county. She has worked in the industry for 27 years, working in Omaha for 10 years and for the Convention Bureau for 5 years. She met her husband on Ragbrai in 1991.

Josie works for the convention and visitors bureau of the Chamber of Commerce. Her office is funded by hotels in the area. They won an award in Iowa for their visitor's guide two years ago. This year they have a new logo.

Josie works extensively with the Mid-America Center. A major attraction of the center is having 700 hotel rooms nearby. Council Bluffs hotels are attractive because they have a 12% hotel tax, versus 19% in Omaha.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, Gary Guttau, and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes for the meeting on July 9. Dennis White opened the meeting with the pledge and prayer. John Klein was visiting and explained his new job. Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 for a second week in a row. There were 18 members and 3 guests at the meeting.

Tirzah Beam came to accept her scholarship from the Optimist Club. She will attend Iowa State University in the fall, majoring in Fashion Design. She became interested in the occupation from ten years in 4H. She also plans to stay involved in music at ISU.

Kirk Vorthmann, Richard Vorthmann, Jeff Jorgensen, and Dick Baber contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights.

Gary Guttau will celebrate his 75th birthday Thursday. He will bring biscuits and gravy to the meeting next week.

The club held election of officers, as listed below. The new term will begin October 1.

There was a short Optimist Board meeting after the club meeting. The Board approved \$100 to go to

the Tanzania school associated with St. Paul Lutheran church. They also approved \$100 for Cookie Crumbs to send cookies and other items to troops, and \$100 for the Treynor multi-cultural food fair in September.

Officers

- President: Chuck Nielsen
- Vice Pres, Pres Elect: Ken Graham
- Secretary: Dale Willenborg
- Treasurer: Gary Guttau
- Past President: Dennis White
- Board members: 2010-2012 – Judy Guttau, Kevin Abbott, Dick Baber
- New board members: 2011-2013 - Gary Funkhouser, Bill Vorthmann, Keith Denton

Calendar

- July 13 – Can Kennel Sorting, 6:00 or 6:30 p.m.
- July 16 – Dance Team car wash – Romano True Value
- July 23 – American Legion Fundraiser – Optimists run 50/50
- July 27 – Can Kennel Sorting, TBD
- July 28 – Westfair ticket booth – shifts noon-3:00 p.m. and 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Aug 4-7 – Optimist District Convention, hosted by the Underwood Optimist Club. Training sessions all day Saturday, Aug 6.
- Aug 13 – Gary & Julia Funkhouser 50th Anniversary social, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Sept 6 – Treynor Multi-cultural night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- Jul 14 – Gary Guttau
- Jul 23 – Jerry Hempel
- Jul 27 – Jim Clausen

Anniversaries

- Jun 28 – Mick and Judy Guttau (recognized)
- Jul 14 – Jeff & Mary Beth Jorgensen
- Jul 25 - Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

Speakers

- July 16 - Jeff Theulen, Emergency Management
- July 23 - Boyd Blasi, the new manager of the new grocery store in Treynor
- July 30 - Aaron Poland, Treynor Recreation Area update

Programs

- July – Judy Guttau
- Aug – Treynor Bank Employees
- Sep – Jeff Jorgensen
- Oct – Gary Funkhouser
- Nov – Arlyn Norris
- Dec – Chuck Nielsen

