



Hope-Net Ministries

Jean Stephens and Bruce Kuenning spoke at the Optimist Club on Saturday, February 19 Hope-Net Ministries. Their new focus is working with women who are incarcerated.

Jean started by saying that women are going to jail at twice the rate of men, mainly due to meth. They usually don't go to jail for the meth, but for related reasons, such as theft. 82% of the children of these mothers will be incarcerated. The ministry is trying to break this cycle.

Jean goes to the Pottawattamie County jail twice a month to hold meeting with anyone interested. She works with the Chaplain to see who is interested. She said, "the chances of women leaving jail with no support is not a good recipe for success."

Hope-Net Ministries does not do drug rehabilitation. They work with a variety of other agencies to provide needed services for the women.

Funding for Hope-Net Ministries is comes from the two Sequels thrift stores, along with donations, grants, and fundraisers. The fourth Monday of each month they have a meal and a speaker for community supporters. They have three paid part-time staff. Volunteers run the Sequel stores.

They are also holding a fashion show and fundraiser on April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian church. For the fashion show they are partnering with other agencies, like Micah House. It will also include a silent auction.

The Treynor Optimist donated \$100 to help the ministry. More information is available at hopenetministries.org.

Meeting Minutes

On February 19 there were 17 members and 9 guests at the Optimist Club meeting. Dennis White

opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser, Richard Vorthmann, and Keith Denton provided jokes. Gary Gutttau contributed to the Youth Fund for the exciting basketball game Friday night. Dale Willenborg contributed for the enjoyable Pinewood Derby last Saturday. Steve Irvin contributed for the great sportsmanship of the Treynor fans at the St. Albert basketball game.

Keith Denton won the 50/50 drawing. Gene Seran won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

The Music Boosters came to receive a check for the Can Kennel. Jeff Schoening joined them. He moved to Treynor in 1988 to lead the band.

CALENDAR

Feb 23 - Can Kennel sorting for the Treynor Cheerleaders. Time is 4:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Feb 1 – Dick Baber (celebrated)
Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann (celebrated)
Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser (celebrated)
Mar 2 – Ward Chambers
Mar 11 – Kenneth Graham
Mar 20 – Jon Jacobsen

Anniversaries

Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
Feb 23 – Richard & LuEttta Vorthmann (celebrated)
Mar 15 – Dick & Betty Baber
Mar 15 – Jeff & Carrie Nelson

Speakers

Feb 26 – Jack from Pott. County Jail.

Programs

Feb – Chad Gutttau
Mar – Dale Willenborg
Apr – Gary Gutttau
May – Keith Denton
June – Dick Baber

Dale Willenborg, Editor, 14186 230th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 712-366-6815 dalewill1@juno.com

CLUB BULLETIN COPYING COURTESY OF TS BANK of TREYNOR

All eyes were on the radiant bride as her father escorted her down the aisle. They reached the altar and the waiting groom; the bride kissed her father and placed something in his hand.

The guests in the front pews, and the minister, responded with ripples of laughter. As her father gave her away in marriage, the bride had given him back his credit card.

One Sunday morning when my son was about 5, we were attending church in our community. It was common for the preacher to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon. He would bring in an item they could find around the house and relate it to a teaching from the Bible.

This particular morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector.

My child immediately raised his hand and said, "It means Daddy's cooking dinner."