



**Pottery**



Paul Koch

Paul Koch, who operates a kiln at in the Macedonia area, was the guest speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 4. Paul built a 20' x 40' pottery barn for his craft.

Paul started out like most pottery artists, creating functional items, and later added sculptural pottery involving the Japanese method. Most pottery artists are taught by

someone else. Sharing ideas and fellowship are an important part of the pottery process.

Paul purchases two tons of clay at a time from Minnesota. He purchases porcelain from Kentucky. Local clays work well for brick but not for pottery.

Paul adds oxides to the clay for color, which becomes apparent after firing. There are two ways to tell if pottery is fired to the proper temperature. A digital pyrometer can be used, or pyrometric cones which melt at different temperatures between 1,600 and 2,400 degrees.

Paul started using a wood kiln, but later changed to a propane and wood kiln. His pottery and porcelain are for sale at the Grist Mill Theater and at the Gift shop at Carson operated by Chuck Bickel. His work can also be seen at Malvern's Street Festival, the Corning, Iowa Center for Fine Arts, and at various summer arts festivals. Go to [www.potterybythecreek.com](http://www.potterybythecreek.com) for good information and pictures of his works.



Justine Hiebner and Garret Gibson receiving scholarship checks from Chuck Nielsen



Paige Volkens receiving the Can Kennel check for Faith in Action

**Meeting Minutes**

Chuck Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the opening prayer on August 4.

Justine Hiebner and Garret Gibson received their \$300 scholarship checks from the Optimist Club. Middle school principal Jenny Berens requested financial support from the Optimist Club for a "Rock'n Prevention" assembly costing \$1,900 for middle school students. This program deals with bullying prevention. The school tries to limit the cost of these programs to \$200-300, but want to aggressively minimize bullying in the school.

Ken Graham won the 50/50. Dale Willenborg won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 11 members and 4 guests at the meeting.

**Calendar**

- Aug 15 – Can Kennel Sorting for Music Boosters, 4:00 p.m.
- Aug 29 – Can Kennel Sorting, 4:00 p.m.

**Birthdays**

- Aug 11 – Chad Guttau
- Aug 23 – Judy Guttau

**Anniversaries**

- Aug 9 – Tim & Janet Greiner
- Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hempel
- Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhouser

**Speakers**

- August 4—Paul Koch—potter
- August 11—SPY group on their mission trip
- August 18—Joy Young on Parish Nursing
- August 25—probably one of the Norris brothers

**Programs**

- Aug – Arlyn Norris

- Sept – Steve Irvin
- Oct – Chuck Nielsen
- Nov – Gary Guttau
- Dec – Bill Vorthmann

**Prayers**

- August 18 — Mick Guttau
- August 25 — Arlyn Norris
- September 1 — Dennis White
- September 8 — Dale Willenborg
- September 15 — Gary Funkhouser
- September 22 — Kirk Vorthmann
- September 29 — Gary Guttau
- October 6 — Steve Irvin
- October 20 — Chuck Nielsen
- October 27 — Ken Graham

**Precious pottery**

In front of a delicatessen, an art connoisseur noticed a mangy little kitten lapping up milk from a saucer. The saucer, he realized with a start, was a rare and precious piece of pottery.

He strolled into the store and offered two dollars for the cat. "It's not for sale," said the proprietor.

"Look," said the collector, "that cat is dirty and undesirable, but I'm eccentric. I like cats that way. I'll raise my offer to ten dollars."

"It's a deal," said the proprietor, and pocketed the ten on the spot.

"For that sum I'm sure you won't mind throwing in the saucer," said the connoisseur. "The kitten seems so happy drinking from it."

"Nothing doing," said the proprietor firmly.

"That's my lucky saucer. From that saucer, so far this week I've sold 34 cats."