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I was on Vacation on Dec 8, so have nothing to report for that meeting. Speaker was Mr. Hoy from the Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home.



Trip to Israel

Rev. John Benson from Saint John Lutheran and his daughter Amy spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club about a trip they made to Israel on October 8-18, 2012. This was John's second trip; the last one 4-5 years ago.

John and Amy joined 17 other people on this trip. It was sponsored by a Christian group from Greece. On the last trip, they had a Jewish tour guide. This

one they had a Christian tour guide. Jewish tour guides cannot go to some areas, like Bethlehem. Only 1% of the people in the country are Christian. The Israel flag contains a symbol of a prayer shawl. The blue symbolizes the Jordan River and peace. Throughout the country you see lion statues. They represent the tribe of Judah.

The Jewish Sabbath runs from Friday sundown to Saturday sundown. Some elevators in buildings are designated Sabbath elevators and you don't want to get on them on the Sabbath because they stop at every floor so no one has to push a button on the Sabbath.

John and Amy showed pictures of the cities and places they visited, including Netanya, Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Tiberius, Mount of the Beatitudes, Capernaum, Jericho, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Tiberius is 2000 years old and Jericho is 10,000 years old. The Mount of the Beatitudes is a natural amphitheater.

Calendar

Jan 9 – Can Kennel Sorting, Jr. Sr. Prom, TBD
 Jan 30 – Can Kennel Sorting, Jr. Sr. Prom, TBD

Birthdays

Dec 2 – Gerald Forristall
 Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood
 Dec 23 - Chuck Nielsen (recognized)

Anniversaries

Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau (recognized)

Programs

Dec – Bill Vorthmann
 Jan – Bill Matthew



Nativity made from Olive wood.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on December 15. Keith Denton and Chuck Nielsen provided jokes before the Pledge of Allegiance. Chuck Nielsen offered the opening prayer.

There were 21 people that helped with can sorting on December 13. It went very quickly.

Logan Wright will be a cheerleader in the Capital One Bowl. The Treynor Optimist Club voted to provide \$50 to help pay the expenses for her trip.

Mick Gutttau will be representing Santa Claus at Children's Square.

Ken Graham won the 50/50. Rocky Saar won the attendance award but did not collect. There were 15 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Ken Graham brought a Ronald Regan calendar and some pears. They auctioned for \$9.

Speakers

Dec 22 –
 Dec 29 -
 Jan 5th: Jim Anderson (Modern Food Production)
 Jan 12th: Kevin Forristall (Behavioral Economics)
 Jan 19 - Cynthia Angeroth, Outreach Coordinator for Iowa School for the Deaf

Prayers

Dec 22—Richard Vorthmann
 Dec 29—Ken Graham
 Jan 5—Dale Willenborg
 Jan 12—Gary Gutttau
 Jan 19—Steve Irvin
 Jan 26—Dee Gutttau
 Feb 2—Mick Gutttau
 Feb 9—Judy Gutttau

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Jewish Humor

A Penny Saved

Abe's son arrives home from school puffing and panting, sweat rolling down his face. "Dad, you'll be so proud of me" he says, "I saved a dollar by running behind the bus all the way home!"

"Oy" says Abe, "You could have run behind a taxi and saved \$20!!!"