



China Visit



David Miller spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on March 30 about his visit to China. David plays drums at his church. He was team leader of a group of six youth from church going to China. They were gone eight weeks in June and July. There are 1.3 billion people in China. David and the others visited Wuxi, a city of 5 million people. David found that

the people in China do learn English in school, but mainly learn through rote memorization, so they have trouble speaking in a conversation.

There are four social classes in China:

- Merchants
- Artisans
- Peasants
- Officials

David found it interesting that they shoot off fireworks for a new business opening and for weddings.

Calendar

- Apr 10 – Can Kennel at 3:30 p.m. for St. Paul Youth
- Apr 27 – Youth Appreciation
- May 1 – Can Kennel at 3:30 p.m. for St. Paul Youth
- July - Zone meeting in Treynor at the park.

Birthdays

- Apr 6 - Kevin Abbott
- Apr 20 – Steve Chambers
- Apr 25 – Rocky Saar
- Apr 28 - Gene Seran

The goal of their visit to China was to meet individual people and share the Gospel. Formal preaching and organized groups are not allowed in China. They would meet Sunday for church on an informal basis. David will be starting Seminary in August at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky in August. He wants to get a psychology degree and a Masters of Divinity.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on March 23. Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Ken provided jokes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken Graham offered the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser reported that the oratory contest was this week for 8th graders. Emily Sutherland and Zach Mass were winners.

For bragging rights, Gary Gutttau and Chuck Nielson contributed for ISU. An auction items sold for \$5.

There will be a Board meeting next Saturday. The club received 31 scholarship applications. Dale Willenborg, Bill Vorthmann, Judy Gutttau, and Gary Gutttau will review them.

Kirk Vorthmann won the 50/50. Dale Willenborg won the attendance award. There were 17 members and 1 guest at the meeting.

Anniversaries

- Apr 7 – Jim & Diane Clausen

Programs

- Apr - Chad Gutttau
- May - Gary Funkhouser
- Jun - Gary Gutttau

Prayers

- April 6 - Chad Gutttau
- April 13- Dale Willenborg

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"China is now expected to surpass Japan as the 2nd richest country in the world. They could become the richest, but that's only if we pay them the money we owe them, and that's not going to happen." –Jay Leno

"A new survey shows that 1 in 5 Americans believe that God steers the economy. Mystery solved: God is Chinese." –Conan O'Brien

"China has told us our days of squandering borrowed money are over. So maybe we shouldn't tell them we just spent \$76 million going to the Smurf movie." –Conan O'Brien

"The U.S. is now in serious danger of defaulting on our foreign loans, which explains why today, China showed up and broke the Statue of Liberty's kneecaps." –Jimmy Fallon

"President Obama has offered bailout money to keep Greece from defaulting on its loans. Yeah, when Greece thanked him, Obama was like, 'Don't mention it . . . to China, because it's their money.'" —Jimmy Fallon

"This is the anniversary of the Great Wall of China. We often say what's the deal with these Chinese? But in all honesty, since they built the Great Wall, not one Mexican has sneaked in." –David Letterman

"America is producing fewer Caucasian babies. I suppose China is beating us at that too." –Stephen Colbert

"Chinese President Hu Jintao was hinting that China may not loan the U.S. any more money. President Obama is now talking to him about a reverse mortgage." –Jay Leno

"While visiting Chicago, President Hu met with Cubs fans. Apparently, he wanted to see some Americans who have suffered more human rights violations than his own people." –Jay Leno

"The White House held a state dinner for Chinese President Hu Jintao. There were 200 people, a six-course dinner, and champagne. It was so expensive that we had to borrow money from China for the dinner." –David Letterman