The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA NEWSLETTER

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Industrial Arts at Treynor

Gary Schuler spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on July 6. He is the wrestling coach and industrial arts teacher at Treynor.

Gary talked about "Project Lead the Way" (PLTW), an initiative to prepare students for the global economy. He started the first semester with 21 students and ended the year with 15. Classes were held every day.

PLTW contains three learning communities: 1) Gateway to Technology, 2) Pathway to Engineering, and 3) Biomedical Sciences Program. Treynor is working on the Pathway to Engineering curriculum. This year they only let Freshmen and Sophomores register. Mr. Schuler taught Introduction to Engineering this year. Mr. Rucker will teach Principles of Engineering this next year. Ms. Gramkow will teach Computers for 7th grade and Designing Motors for 8th grade. In the 2014 school year Mr. Nelson will teach Digital Electronics.

Iowa State University and University of Iowa have classes to teach the instructors. There is also a web site with a lot of information.

The students had three major projects over the semester and some instant challenges. The instant challenges forced them to make quick decisions to complete the project in 2-3 days. One of the lessons some of the students learned is that everyone's ideas are important.

PLTW and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) classes are designed to introduce students to a mixture of science, math, and industrial technology in the same courses. They also try to introduce more female participants into careers that are normally male dominated.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on July 6. Gary Funkhouser and Richard Vorthmann provided jokes and Kevin Underwood provided a baseball trivia question. Ken led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an opening prayer by Dennis White.

The Optimist Club raised $96 in 50/50 tickets for Treynor Days. The money will go to the community.

Can sorting in July will be July 10 and 31. Times are unknown.

Dennis White won the 50/50 drawing. Gene Seran won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 8 members and one guest in attendance.

Calendar
- July 10 – Can kennel sorting
- July 18 – Zone meeting in Treynor at the park, 6:00 p.m.
- July 25 – Help at Westfair. Free admission this year.
- July 31 – Can kennel sorting
- Aug 1-3 – Optimist District meeting

Birthdays
- Jun 16 – Dale Willenborg (recognized0
- Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen
- Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood

Anniversaries
- Jun 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood
- Jun 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris
- Jun 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin
- Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers
- Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Guttau (recognized)

Programs
- July 13 – Nancy Faber, "Pork: More Than Just the Other White Meat"
- July 20 - Bryce Poland
- July 27 - Tim Navara, Treynor High School Principal

Prayers
- July 13 – Kirk Vorthmann
- July 20 – Dee Guttau
- July 27 – Gary Guttau
- August 3 – Bill Vorthmann
- August 10 – Dennis White
- August 17 – Dee Guttau

Signs That Technology Has Taken Over Your Life:

1. Your stationery letterhead lists a fax number, e-mail addresses for two on-line services, and your Internet address, which spreads across the breadth of the letterhead and continues to the back. In essence, you have conceded that the first page of any letter you write *is* letterhead.
2. You have never sat through an entire movie without having at least one device on your body beep or buzz.
3. You need to fill out a form that must be typewritten, but you can't because there isn't one typewriter in your house -- only computers with laser printers.
4. You think of the gadgets in your office as "friends," but you forget to send your father a birthday card.
5. When you go into a computer store, you eavesdrop on a salesperson talking with customers -- and you butt in to correct him and spend the next twenty minutes answering the customers' questions, while the salesperson stands by silently, nodding his head.
6. You constantly find yourself in groups of people to whom you say the phrase "digital compression." Everyone understands what you mean, and you are not surprised or disappointed that you don't have to explain it.
7. You know Bill Gates' e-mail address, but you have to look up your own social security number.
8. You stop saying "phone number" and replace it with "voice number," since we all know the majority of phone lines in any house are plugged into contraptions that talk to other contraptions.
9. You sign Christmas cards by putting :-) next to your signature.
10. Off the top of your head, you can think of nineteen keystroke symbols that are far more clever than :-).
11. You back up your data every day.
12. Your wife asks you to pick up some minipads for her at the store and you return with a rest for your mouse.