



**Iowa Western
 Community
 College**

Tom Johnson, Vice President of Finance and Operations at Iowa Western Community College (IWCC), spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 24. Tom has been with IWCC for 20 years. Tom has two daughters. One

has been in Spain for 4 ½ months, majoring in Marketing, Public Relations, and Spanish.

Tom handles legal issues and contracts at IWCC. In the past 15 years, IWCC has added over 600,000 square feet of building space, which has kept him very busy on contracts. The college now has 7200 students, with over 6200 in Council Bluffs. They also have campuses in Clarinda, Shenandoah, Atlantic, and Harlan.

IWCC just finished the repairs from the August 2011 hail storm. They sustained \$6 million in damage to roofs. They also rebuilt the main road through campus and added storm sewers to the road.

The campus had 144 dorm room beds finished in May. They now have 1350 residences in three buildings. The new suites cost \$2600 per semester. Apartments cost \$1700 and the old dorms are \$1300 per semester. Some of the plans include meals. For security, there are 650 to 700 security cameras on campus.

A credit hour costs \$142 at IWCC. You can also take Buena Vista University classes on the IWCC campus. Buena Vista rents space from IWCC and has classes on evenings and weekends.

Calendar

- Aug 28 – Can kennel sorting, 6:15 p.m.
- Aug 31 – Put up flags after club meeting
- Oct 19 – Optimist in Action day

Birthdays

- Aug 11 – Chad Gutttau (recognized)
- Aug 23 – Judy Gutttau (recognized)

Anniversaries

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

Programs

- Aug 31 – Larry McAlexander
- Sept 7 – Dave Mason – Optimist area governor

Prayers

- Aug 31 – Dale Willenborg
- Sept 7 – Gary Funkhouser

About 60% of the students at IWCC take classes that will transfer to other schools. The others are classes where students complete their degree at IWCC, such as Nursing.

There are two IWCC initiatives on the ballot this year. They are to fund the power plant (\$1.8M) and for instructional technology (\$200K). These initiatives have to be renewed every two years.

Community colleges started when World War II veterans were coming home. Iowa law created the community college system in 1966 and IWCC held its first classes in 1967.

IWCC has been very successful in sports. Some larger schools send youth here who are non-qualifiers in larger schools. These youth must graduate to go to a full college. Other athletes come just to compete. They can transfer to larger schools any time.

Meeting Minutes

Ken Graham opened the meeting on August 24. Gary Funkhouser, Gary Gutttau, and Richard Vorthmann provided jokes and Richard Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser contributed to the Youth Fund for his 32nd wedding anniversary.

Can kennel sorting will be this week at 6:15 on Wednesday. Dictionaries have been ordered for the third grade. September 5 will be the multi-cultural night at the school. Ken Graham will check into business cards with the Treynor football schedule on them.

Arlyn Norris won the 50/50 drawing. Jim Clausen won the attendance drawing. There were 17 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Last week the club held a board meeting. The board approved a \$1000 donation to Vision Treynor for the new sports park and providing the previously approved scholarship money to Victoria Showalter, who will go on a mission to Africa for a year instead of starting college immediately.

- Sept 14 – Chuck Nielsen
- Sept 21 – Dee Gutttau
- Sept 28 – Gary Gutttau
- Oct 5 – Bill Vorthmann
- Oct 12 –
- Oct 19 – Dennis White
- Oct 26 – Dale Willenborg
- Nov 2 – Dee Gutttau
- Nov 9 – Gary Gutttau
- Nov 16 – Judy Gutttau
- Nov 23 – Mick Gutttau
- Nov 30 –
- Dec 7 – Dee Gutttau
- Dec 14 –
- Dec 21 – Dennis White