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American Red Cross

Cindy Pfennig from the American Red Cross spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on July 26. She is from North Dakota and moved to Western Iowa in 2009. She mentioned that the storm season has been difficult this year, but is not over. Last year there was a tornado in Nebraska on October 5.



The Red Cross provides five core services:

- Provide communication services to the Armed Forces
- Blood services
- Disaster services, including preparing, responding, and recovery
- Health and safety services, including CPR/first aid training, pet first aid training, babysitting training
- International services in 189 countries

The Red Cross started in Switzerland. On May 21, 1881 Clara Burton founded the American Red Cross.

For disasters, the Red Cross provides food, clothing, shelter, comfort, and other care. They do not allow pets in shelters, although many people want their pets with them.

Calendar

July 30 - Can kennel sorting for Optimist Club, 6:00 p.m.

Birthdays

- Jul 14 – Gary Gutttau (recognized)
- Jul 23 – Jerry Hempel
- Jul 27 – Jim Clausen

Anniversaries

- Jul 14 – Jeff & Mary Beth Jorgensen
- Jul 25 - Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

Speakers

94% of the Red Cross workforce is volunteers. 91% of money donations goes to service. One problem they have in local disasters is that they receive more food, clothing, and other items that take a lot of space to store. Money can always be used.

The biggest local disaster is home fires. Each year they hold a fire canvas event, in conjunction with the Council Bluffs Fire Department. Free smoke alarms are provided where needed. The next fire canvas is October 11.

In Pilger, Nebraska, 127 well trained disaster workers helped. Long term recovery is important for these disasters. 15%-40% of businesses in an area fail following a natural or man-made disaster, creating another disaster. 51% of businesses have experienced at least one emergency lasting at least three days.

Anyone can help, through money donations or volunteering. See redcross.org for more information.

Meeting Minutes

Gary Gutttau opened the meeting on July 26. He reported on his wife's medical problems. Gary led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Abbott gave the opening prayer.

John Klein contributed to the Youth Fund to celebrate his wife's birthday. Mick Gutttau contributed because he found that Iowa Western Community College has one of the aircraft that his unit flew in Vietnam. He last saw the aircraft in 1979. Jim Clausen celebrated his 71st birthday. Jeff Jorgensen contributed in memory of James Gardner who he liked to watch on the Maverick TV shows.

Gary Gutttau won the 50/50 drawing. Ken Graham won the attendance drawing. There were 12 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

July 25 – Director of the Red Cross

Prayers

- July 26 – Bob Abbott
- Aug 2 – Ken Graham
- Aug 9 – Chad Gutttau
- Aug 16 – Judy Gutttau
- Aug 23 – Dale Willenborg
- Aug 30 – Dee Gutttau

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Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited
 Until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God,
 But only as advisers.

It is easier to preach ten sermons
 Than it is to live one.

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,
 But mosquitoes come close