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Missionaries to Peru

Wendy and Pat Campbell spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on September 6. They are missionaries to Peru. They grew up in New York and have been married 40 years.

Wendy was a nurse at Bethany Lutheran Home in Manilla, Iowa for 34 years. Pat was a High School coach there for 34 years. They retired in 1989. Now they spend half their time in Peru and half in the United States. They have about 30 students.

People in Peru are descendants of the Incas. Wendy and Pat teach Quechua and Spanish students. They work in the Urabamba River Valley, 9000 feet above sea level.



Peru has a wide variety of climates, from the coast which is a desert to the Iquitos which is jungle. The Spanish destroyed everything of Incan history except the Machu Picchu. It is a 15th-century Inca site located high in the mountains and was hidden from the Spanish by heavy overgrowth.

Adobe is the building material of choice. It provides a lot of jobs. Guinea pig is a common food. Their main foods are potatoes, corn, carrots, and okra. The people use natural ingredients for dyes. Different tribes can be distinguished because they wear different hats.

Pat teaches in English in a seminary college in Peru. He teaches six classes and visiting professors teach other classes.

The students are post high school students, mainly 18-22, with some older students. The school year is March to December. The school program is a four year program. The students take one class at a time, each one for three weeks. Each student is assigned to help at a church on Saturday and Sunday. It costs \$500 per year for the school, but many of the students do work-study to pay the cost.

Calendar

Sept 10 – Can kennel sorting, 4:30 p.m.
Sept 18 – Blood Drive in Treynor
Sept 24, Wed – Can kennel sorting, time TBD
Oct 18, Sat – State Marching Band Contest

Birthdays

Sep 9 - Arlyn Norris
Sep ?? - Dee Gutttau

30th Anniversary Celebration

The Treynor Optimist Club celebrated its 30th anniversary with a dinner at the B & B Again in Treynor on Thursday, September 4. Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting.

Bryce Poland, Treynor Mayor, congratulated the club. He came to Treynor in 1983.

A group of members from the Council Bluffs Optimist Club, founding club for the Treynor Optimists, joined the celebration.

Larry Kramer, a lifetime member, came from Bennet, NE. He is the most distant member of the club. He moved six years ago and helped coordinate the entrance signs for Treynor and the Can kennel project.

Richard Vorthmann was voted the Optimist of the Year. He enjoys Optimist Club because it is a lot of fun and has good speakers.

Kevin Underwood and Ken Graham won the trivia contest.

Auction items included ISU basketball tickets, tickets to a musical, ISU-Kansas State football tickets, and baskets of gourds. Auction items contributed \$382 to the club. Total profit for the evening was \$345.12.

George McGargill, Iowa's Singing Farmer, provided the evening entertainment. There were 57 people at the celebration.

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on September 6. Keith Denton provided jokes. Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Richard Vorthmann gave the opening prayer. Cucumbers auctioned brought \$1.

Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund to celebrate his award for Optimist of the Year from the Treynor Optimist Club. Jim Clausen celebrated completion of his cataract surgery.

The plan is to pick up flags after the meeting on September 13. Can Kennel sorting is Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Mattie Jacobsen picked up her scholarship award. She is attending Kirkwood Community College, majoring in Nursing. She plans to get her RN in five semesters. Then she plans to attend the University of Iowa to get her BS. She is on the student Leadership Council and plays intramural volleyball. She loves learning about the human body and wants to be a pediatric nurse.

John Klein won the 50/50 drawing. Bob Mantell won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 13 members and 5 guests at the meeting.

Note: I accidentally deleted the pictures on my camera this week. Photo courtesy of the Campbells.

Anniversaries

Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Speakers

Sep 20 - Bob Mantell arranging
Sep 27 - Bill Matthew arranging