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## Iowa House of Representatives

Mary Ann Hanusa spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting on September 13.  She is a representative in the Iowa House since 2011.  She is Chairman of the Economic Growth Committee and on several other committees.  She is also a school administrator at an elementary school in Council Bluffs.



Mary talked about when she was working in the White House on September 11, 2001.  To get there she completed her college Education degree.  She always wanted to work in Washington DC, so she moved there to get a job after trying unsuccessfully to apply from Council Bluffs.  She lived there with a friend's parents.

After a few months she got a job at the National Archives.  That job went away when Clinton became President because she was a Republican

In 2000 she helped with the George W Bush campaign.  In 2001 she went to work for him in the White House, working with his personal correspondence.  Her office dealt with his personal friends and acquaintances.  She called it the "Personal Touch" office.  One of her duties was to draft letters for families of fallen soldiers.  Bush personally signed each letter.

On September 11 she was working on a personal project for Mrs. Bush.  She had spent 5 months in a walking cast because she had injured her ankle.  That was her first day without a boot.  Unfortunately, because of a lot of walking she did later that day, she injured her foot again.

After the attack she left the White House at 9:30 a.m. Since she didn't take along her apartment or car keys, she took a circuitous route to get home, arriving at 5:30 p.m.

President Bush was in Florida.  He flew to STRATCOM.  He insisted that terrorists would not put a stop to the Government, so everyone went back to work the next day.  He also defied the Secret Service

and flew back to the White House to address the Nation in the evening on September 11.

## Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on September 13. Dee Guttau and Keith Denton provided jokes.  Bill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Kirk Vorthmann gave the opening prayer.

Arlyn Norris contributed to the Youth Fund to celebrate his birthday, age 65.  Jim Clausen said that he would contribute $5 if ISU beat Iowa in football in the afternoon.  Several members bet on ISU to match his contribution if Iowa won.

BreAnna Hansen received her scholarship award. She is going to college at IWCC and working in the dorm there.  She wants to complete here Elementary Education degree at ISU.  Given a choice of places to work in the futures she would like to teach in South Dakota or Montana.  She was involved in dance, choir, musicals, color guard, and speech in High School.



Gary Guttau, Gary Funkhouser, Chad Guttau, and Ken Graham helped with the can kennel this week.

September 18 there will be a blood drive in Treynor, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  There will also be mini libraries installed around town.  Free book use will be offered.

Kirk Vorthmann, Ken Graham, and Bill Vorthmann (if needed) will help with homecoming tickets for the football game.  Chuck Nielsen, Gary Guttau, and Richard Vorthmann will lead a committee to put together a float.

Saturday, October 18, the State Marching Band contest will be held at Treynor.  At least six people will be needed.

Gary Guttau won the 50/50 drawing.  Dale Willenborg won the attendance drawing.  There were 17 members and 3 guests at the meeting.

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## Calendar

   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 Guttau
**Anniversaries**
   Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann
**Speakers**
   Sept 20 - Bob Mantell arranging
   Sept 27 - Bill Matthew arranging
**Prayers**
   New list passed around