



**The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA**  
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## NEWSLETTER

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### Child Evangelism Fellowship



Doug Hamm was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on February 8. He and his wife moved to Treynor in late 2012. Doug grew up in Kingsley Iowa and Jan in Northern Nebraska. They met at Grace University in Omaha. They both completed their degrees at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, with Doug graduating in Music Education and Jan in Nursing.

Doug said that his parents always talked about going on a mission, but his father completed medical school and by then the family had three small children.

Doug went with a mission team to Switzerland when he was in High School. He also read the book God's Smuggler, which inspired him to go on a mission. In 1989 he and his wife, with two children, joined Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) and moved to Vienna, Austria, starting a 20 year mission.

CEF is in 185 countries. When the Hamms first moved to Europe, they thought they would be smuggling Bibles into countries. They moved to Yugoslavia in September 1990. Soon afterwards the civil war started there, so they had to go back to Austria. Their mission soon changed to a humanitarian aid mission.

The Hamms had two more children in Vienna, Austria. After the Civil War and the breakup of Yugoslavia, they moved to Serbia. In the end of the 1990s, war was beginning again. They left Serbia for a year and returned in 2000. At that time they did not recognize the country because it was basically a police state. They moved back to Austria in late 2000 because it was too dangerous speaking English, especially for their children.

#### Calendar

- Feb 13 – winter music concert
- Mar 2 - Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann's 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration

#### Birthdays

- Feb 12 – Richard Vorthmann
- Feb 13 – Gary Funkhouser

#### Anniversaries

- Feb 6 – Jon & Debra Jacobsen
- Feb 23 – Richard & LuEtta Vorthmann

CEF is a non-denominational organization. Doug estimated that they have 6,000-7,000 full time employees. They have a variety of programs and Sunday School teaching materials for children. They also sponsor Good News clubs in schools throughout the world.

More information is available about Child Evangelism Fellowship at [cefonline.com](http://cefonline.com).

#### Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann opened the meeting on February 8 and Arlyn Norris gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser and Bill Vorthmann contributed jokes.

Auction items brought \$3 for Valentine's cookies and \$3 for a kitchen slicer.

The Silver Keg Feeders provided breakfast for pancakes, sausage, and orange juice. There was plenty of food and great service. There were twenty 4-H members and their parents serving.

Hanna Carolus and the Music Boosters collected a check from the can kennel. Their big trip to Chicago was last year and they have a trip every four years. The can kennel will go into the general music fund, which also provides clinics, scholarships, and equipment for the Treynor music program.



The Treynor winter music concert will be February 13. Gary Funkhouser will be the guest conductor.

Dale Willenborg won the 50/50 drawing. Kevin Elwood won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 13 members and 5 guests at the meeting.

#### Prayers

- Feb 15 – Chuck Nielsen
- Feb 22 – Ken Graham
- Mar 1 – Dee Guttai
- Mar 8 –
- Mar 15 –
- Mar 22 – Dennis White
- Mar 29 – Judy Guttai

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Time is valuable. VOLUNTEERING is invaluable. Value your time.

Knowing that you are helping to create a peaceful world and a safer planet is only a fraction of the pride that a volunteer should feel every time they lend an helping hand. To volunteer; is to contribute your goodness and works to humanity unselfishly, without seeking any rewards.

VOLUNTEERISM...pass down to your Children as Tradition, but more important, it's a gift for a lifetime.

VOLUNTEERISM proves that - In every straining, there is a training; in every training, there is a learning; and in every learning, there is an earning.

"It is imperative to ask our self every morning "what will I give those around me today?" "One cannot feel self-worth without giving."