



**Constitution**



The speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on April 4 was Glenn Freeman. He grew up in Washington D.C. He was in the Air Force, serving three tours in Southeast Asia. He retired after 30 years of service. For twelve years he served as a senior aide to U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel as Special Assistant for Military and Veterans Affairs.

Glenn gave a little history lesson on the forming of the Constitution. He wanted us to remember that a few people can make a great change. One of the basic Principles of the Constitution is that all three branches of the government would be equal. For that reason Glenn believes all branches of the government should have term limits if one does.

Glenn believes it is unconstitutional to make citizens report their personal financial information to be taxed, as it is unconstitutional to be compelled in any criminal case to witness against himself. Glenn is aware of several things that need to change but there is no action in process to make those changes.

**Meeting Minutes**

Humor was provided by Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Dee Guttau.

**Calendar**

- Apr 22 – Arbor Day tree planting, 10:00 a.m.
- Apr 29 –Can kennel sorting

**Birthdays**

- Apr 20 – Steve Chambers
- Apr 25 – Irvin Saar
- Apr 28 - Gene Seran

**Anniversaries**

After the pledge of allegiance, the opening prayer was offered by Bill Vorthmann.

There were no birthdays, but the club celebrated the Anniversary on April 7<sup>th</sup> of Jim and Diane Clausen.

For drawings, the 50/50 won by Jim Clausen. No one claimed the attendance drawing.

Old business: The JOOI Club had the Can Kennel on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was during school as part of their volunteer efforts. Optimists that helped were Gary Funkhouser, Bill Vorthmann, John Klein, and Gary, Dee & Chad Guttau. They got 13 bags of cans, 3 bags of plastic and nearly 1000 bottles.

Gary reported on the sale of Nishna Productions. Therefore, they will no longer pick up the cans and bottles.

John Klein reported on progress on grants. Tree planting is set for April 22<sup>nd</sup> in the morning. Optimists are needed to help with more than 60 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

The swimming lessons grant is still with Mr. Larsen. A survey will be used to determine interest.

The Treynor community garden project continues. JOOI club members measured out plots.

Youth Appreciation is Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00 to 4:30. Gary Funkhouser reported on how the students honored are selected by their teachers. Two girl and two boys in each class are selected who have not won in the past.

New Business: Flags Flyers will go out in the water bills sent April 18<sup>th</sup> 2015.

A thank you was received from the Optimist National Foundational for our donation.

The Council Bluffs Optimist Club is visiting us April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Apr 7 – Jim & Diane Clausen (recognized)

**Speakers**

- Apr 11– Tom Shipley
- Apr 18 – Mark Brandenburg
- Apr 25 – Matt Wilbur

**Prayers**

- Apr 25 – Dennis White

**Notes courtesy of Gary Guttau**

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources person asked a young engineer fresh out of MIT, "And what starting salary were you looking for?"

The Engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks of vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50 percent of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"

The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

And the interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."