



**Culinary Arts Program**



Mike Hoppe, Culinary Arts Director at Iowa Western Community College, was the speaker at the Treynor Optimist Club on May 30. He started cooking at age 17. His first job was washing dishes at Truck Haven.

Mike has worked at a variety of

places before becoming employed at IWCC. He cooked at a restaurant in Millard from 1987 to 1989. The restaurant was based on Husker fans coming after a successful game. Since that was a time when the Huskers were not too successful, the restaurant closed.

Mike worked at Children's Hospital. There they had 6 kitchenettes. Then he worked at Bergan Mercy for 8 years.

Mike worked at IWCC from 1995-1997 as an Associate. In 2003 he became a Lab Assistant. In 2006 he became a full time instructor. In 2007 IWCC offered a buyout to people who had worked there a while. Two instructors left and he inherited the program.

Mike teaches students to cook for 12 to 500 people. The full two year program costs \$12K-\$14K, including knives. He usually has 60-70 freshmen and about 25 second year students. There are a lot of job offerings in the field, so some leave to work full time. Last year they graduated 15 students.

From January through April the students serve lunches from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. They cost is \$7-\$10.

Second year students fly to Chicago each year for two nights and three days. They attend a food show with 1500 stations.

Mike says that the most important person in the kitchen is the dishwasher. Without clean dishes, no dish will be good.

When asked what Culinary Arts students need to take in High School, Mike includes Math (they need to know fractions, percentages, multiplication and division), public speaking, Spanish (many of the workers will be Spanish speaking) and computers.

**Calendar**

- June 4 – Campbell fundraiser
- June 26 – put up flags for Treynor Days'
- July 6 – take down flags

**Birthdays**

- Jun 16 – Dale Willenborg
- Jun 20 – Jeff Jorgensen
- Jun 22 – Kevin Elwood

**Anniversaries**

- Jun 1 – Kevin & Shana Elwood
- Jun 3 – Arlyn & Wanda Norris

**Meeting Minutes**

Dee Guttau opened the meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Guttau gave the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Dee Guttau provided humor. Steve Irvin celebrated his wedding anniversary. He met his wife in High School. He has two grandchildren.

Subscriptions have been received for 138 flags, with \$5055 received. Flags will be put up for Treynor days on Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. They will be taken down on Monday, July 6.

There will be a Treynor Community Forum on June 8. All community groups are invited to attend.

Gary Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights because they have two Russian doctors staying with them as part of the Sister Cities program. Sister Cities is funded by the Library of Congress.

John Klein took the flag from his house to participate in the police officer funeral. Keith Denton was also at the funeral procession. Gary Guttau said that he was a teacher for those celebrating their 50 year class reunion. His 60 year class reunion is next week.

John Klein reported that 27 youth were signed up for swim lessons. They will be the weeks of June 15 and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Kirn Pool. They are still looking for volunteers to ride the bus.



Joshua Fremstad picked up his scholarship check. He has been at Treynor since 5<sup>th</sup> grade. He will go to Wayne State, majoring in Music Education. His favorite band in High School was the Pep Band. He plays trumpet.

There were 12 members and 3 guests at the meeting.

- Jun 5 – Steve & Debra Irvin (recognized)
- Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers
- Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Guttau

**Speakers**

**Prayers**

- June 6 – Dale Willenborg
- June 13 – Chad Guttau
- June 20 – Ken Graham
- June 27 – Dennis White
- July 4 – No Meeting
- July 11 – Bill Vorthmann