

The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA

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Children with Cancer



George Volz and Walt Keast gave a slide show at the Treynor Optimist Club on June 6. Walt talked about the Metro Area Youth Foundations, Inc (MAYF), a 501(c)3 that provides financial help for children with cancer and their families in hospitals in Omaha. It is funded by Optimist Clubs in the area.

The MAYF identifies three goals:

- Provide support to children diagnosed and receiving treatment for cancer.
- Help families and care partners of children with cancer to meet children's needs.
- Assist healthcare and service providers.

The Summer Bash on August 22, 6:00 p.m. is their main fundraiser. It is an evening filled with fun and entertainment. Cost is \$75 per person and includes food, music, and live and silent auctions. Last year they served 355 people and raised about \$120,000. Reservations are due August 7.

Recipients can receive a maximum of \$1000 every six months. The MAYF can also help pay utilities, rent, and expenses related to treatment. Workers at the hospitals have debit cards that they can give families for immediate help.

MAYF also sends children with cancer to summer camps. Camp Quality Heartland is a summer camping experience and year-round support program for 70-80

children with cancer. Camp CoHoLo is a summer camp hosting 140-160 children with cancer and blood disorders, providing them with a normal summer camp experience. CoHoLo is an acronym for Courage, Hope, and Love. See www.SummerBashforCCC.org for more information.

Meeting Minutes

Dee Guttau opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer. Dee Guttau provided jokes. Chad Guttau contributed to the Youth Fund for bragging rights because he survived a 5K walk/run. Gary Guttau contributed because they have two Russian doctors staying with them for eight days. Kirk Vorthmann contributed because he won the 50/50 drawing for \$535at the Campbell fundraiser. He contributed his winnings to the fundraiser.

As an update on Ellen Campbell, Dee said that she is getting her tube out. She is working on relearning reading and math. The fundraiser brought in over \$30,000, with another possible \$16,000 on the phone and matching gifts. HyVee provided the food and drinks. Other people provided the desserts.

Subscriptions have been received for 142 flags, with \$5195 received. Flags will be put up on June 14 for Flag Day, which is June 15, and for Treynor days on Thursday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m. They will be taken down on Monday, June 16 and Monday July 6. They stay up after Treynor Days until after July 4.

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

The Optimist Club made an update in the Can Kennel signup. The Wrestling Cheerleaders will be helped in the Can Kennel for September by the Wrestling Team. The Silver Keg 4-H will get the proceeds from the Can Kennel in August.

There were 13 members and 4 guests at the meeting, which was held at the TRA. Arlyn Norris brought two pastors rom Tanzania who are visiting him. There was no 50/50 drawing or attendance drawing.

Calendar

June 13 - Put up flags for Flag Day

June 15 - take down flags

June 26 – put up flags for Treynor Days

July 4 – no meeting

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

Jun 5 - Steve & Debra Irvin (recognized)

Jun 15 – Steve & Jeanie Chambers

Jun 28 – Mick & Judy Guttau

Speakers

No meeting July 4

Prayers

June 13 – Chad Guttau

June 20 – Ken Graham June 27 – Dennis White

July 4 - No Meeting

July 11 - Bill Vorthmann

Dale Willenborg, Editor, 14186 230th Street, Council Bluffs, IA 51503 712-366-6815 dalewill1@juno.com A horse joke, in recognition of American Pharoah winning the Triple Crown:

A city dweller came to a farm and saw a beautiful horse. He decided he had to have the animal.

He bargained with the farmer and the farmer finally sold him the horse. The city man jumped on the horse and said, "Giddyup!" The horse didn't budge.

The farmer explained, "This is a special kind of horse. He'll only move if you say, 'Praise the Lord.' To stop him, you have to say, 'Amen.'

Keeping this in mind, the new owner yelled, "Praise the Lord!" whereupon the horse took off with great speed. Soon horse and rider were headed for a cliff.

Just in time the rider remembered to say "Amen!" The horse came to a screeching halt right at the edge of the cliff. Relieved, the rider raised his eyes to heaven and exclaimed, "Praise the Lord!"