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Missing Man Table

Mick Guttau talked about the missing man table at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting on August 13. The table is reserved to honor our missing men from wars. Mick said that all Americans should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nation's call and served the cause of freedom in a special way.



- The empty chair represents Americans who were or are missing from each of the services – Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard and civilians, all with us in spirit.
- The table is round – to show our everlasting concern.
- The cloth is white – symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call to serve.
- The single red rose reminds us of the lives of these Americans....and their loved ones and friends who keep the faith, while seeking answers.
- The yellow ribbon symbolizes our continued uncertainty, hope for their return, and determination to account for them.
- A slice of lemon reminds us of their bitter fate, captured and missing in a foreign land.
- A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears of our missing and their families - who long for answers after decades of uncertainty.
- The lighted candle reflects our hope for their return – alive or dead.
- The Bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain us and those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.
- The glass is inverted – to symbolize their inability to share a toast with us today.
- The chair is empty – they are missing.

A good book for children about the table is called America's White Table, by Margot Theis Raven.

Mick talked about Vietnam Veteran's reunions he has attended. The people enter a dark room with a bright spotlight shining on the table. The first reunion was in Washington DC. 2600 people attended. In 2005 they had a reunion in San Francisco. Mike, a man who was instrumental in teaching Mick about flying Cobra helicopters, planned to attend, but committed suicide three weeks before the reunion. This year's reunion will be in Reno, Nevada.

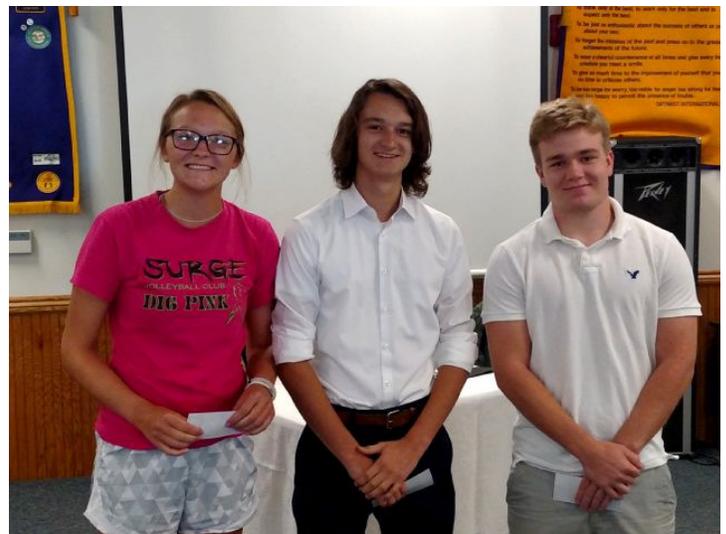
There were 36,000 men and women who came home from the Vietnam War. 8000 have died since then. Two Cobra pilots, John and Billy are still missing. They were reported as captured.

There were 14 members and 4 guests at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

In President Klein's absence, Gary Funkhouser called the August 13, 2016 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order. He led with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the prayer offered by Dee Guttau. Keith Denton provided a joke.

Katie Suden, Tarentino Vacanti, and Kyle Young picked up their scholarship checks. Katie is going to ISU, majoring in Pre Vet. She wants to run cross country. Tarentino will attend U of I, with an open major. He wants to run cross country also. Kyle will attend University of Nebraska, majoring in Business Administration and Sports.



Chad and Gary Gutttau, Bill Vorthmann, and Gary Funkhouser helped with Can Kennel sorting this week. The next sorting is for the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H.

For bragging rights, Mick Gutttau talked about a massage he received in New York. Keith Denton talked about a man he met at the state fair measuring chlorophyll in Iowa. Chad Gutttau celebrated his birthday.

Keith Denton paid \$5 for 13 cups with pictures of apples on them. Dale Willenborg paid \$1 for a ball cap.

The school is looking for volunteers to work as Watch DOGS in the school. There will be a punt, pass, and kick competition after the parade for Homecoming.

The fundraiser for Anika Vohs raised about \$72,000. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Richard Vorthmann will be honored at the State Fair for his volunteerism.

Zion Youth can kennel proceeds were \$1137.60. The total for the can kennel is \$137,514.48.

Dale Willenborg won the 50/50. Heidi Lund won the attendance award, but did not collect.

Calendar

Aug 24 – Can sorting
Sept 30 - Homecoming

Birthdays

Aug 11 – Chad Gutttau
Aug 23 – Judy Gutttau

Anniversaries

Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hempel
Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhauser

Programs

The Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club photo is shown below at the Keg Creek sign on Highway 92. One of their community service projects is cleaning the highway ditches for 2 miles. This photo was taken last spring for that project.



Aug – Mick Gutttau
Sept – Ken Graham
Oct – Bill Vorthmann
Nov – Judy Gutttau
Dec - Chuck Nielsen

Prayers

Aug 20 – Mick Gutttau
Aug 27 – Dale Willenborg
Sept 3 – Gary Funkhouser
Sept 10 – Richard Vorthmann