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Treynor Chapter of P.E.O.

Bill Vorthmann introduced speaker Norma Vorthmann, President of the Treynor Chapter of



P.E.O. (Philanthropic Education Organization). Norma explained that the mission of P.E.O. is to promote educational opportunities for women. The P.E.O. International organization, headquartered in Des Moines, has a membership of 250,000 in 6,000

chapters in the US and Canada; with 17,000 plus members in Iowa. Over \$283 million in scholarships have been awarded to over 90,000 women.

Scholarships are awarded in the following six categories: (1) Cottey Scholarship. Cottey College located in Nevada, Missouri was founded in 1884 by Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard with the firm belief that women deserved the same quality education as men. When she became a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, Ms. Cottey Stockard realized that P.E.O. paralleled her own goals and ideas about higher education for women. In 1927, the P.E.O. Sisterhood accepted Cottey College as a gift from Ms. Cottey Stockard. Today Cottey College is a two-year fully accredited independent, liberal arts and science college for women offering 10 bachelor degree programs; (2) Educational Loan Fund; (3) International Peace Scholarship; (4) Program for Continuing Ed; (5) Scholar Awards; and (6) STAR Scholarship. All grants, scholarships and loans with the exception of the International Peace Scholarship require

applicants be sponsored by a local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Since 2007 the local chapter, OZ, has sponsored eight Program-for-Continuing-Education applicants who were granted a total of \$15,850. For more information please go to <http://www.peointernational.org/peo-projectsphilanthropies>. Contact Norma Vorthmann or Julie Funkhouser for questions regarding applicant procedures.

The local P.E.O. chapter was organized November 21, 2004 with 10 charter members. The current membership is 32 women. The first P.E.O. chapter was organized as chapter A, the second B and so on. Then the 27th was AA... AB... AC and so on and by the time the local chapter was founded they had progressed to OZ. Chapter OZ annually awards two scholarships to qualified graduating senior women. Katy Suden and Megan Lutz were the 2016 recipients. Chapter OZ also participates in community activities and fundraisers. They have made contributions to area philanthropic organizations such as the Lydia House, Open Door Mission and the local food pantry.

Meeting Minutes

President Kirk Vorthmann called the October 22, 2016 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the prayer offered by Dennis White.

Keith Denton and Dee Guttau provided jokes. Anniversary congratulations were celebrated by Dennis and Kay White. Keith Denton won the 50/50 and the attendance prize was not collected.

For bragging Rights: Judy Guttau recognized the TS Bank Promise Program. Keith Denton recognized his daughter Eva going to Denver for the Bronco's game. Richard Vorthmann was recognized by Congressman Young for Iowan of the Day Award. Gary Guttau celebrated a large crop of pumpkins and gourds. Dee Guttau recognized the dedication of new TS Bank facility in Council Bluffs.

Cardinal Core has arranged for a historic bus tour on October 29 for 50 Treynor high school students. The tour will include the Council Bluffs Squirrel Cage Jail, Union Pacific Museum, and Freedom Park in Carter Lake. The tour is funded by the Iowa History Center.

The Can Kennel will be for the Music Boosters on November 2 at 3:30. Cub Scouts will be next on November 16 at 1:00. The club discussed adding a bonus extra flag day for Veteran's Day and will make a decision at the next meeting. It will depend on the weather.

A collection was taken to sponsor a Treynor family for Christmas. Ken Graham offered for auction a Halloween mask – Chad Gutttau was the high bidder.

Thank you's were enjoyed from the elementary for sponsoring the Bug Zoo, a traveling exhibit from Iowa State University, and for the donation of dictionaries to the third graders. John Klein

Calendar

- Nov 10, Thurs, 4:00 p.m. – put up flags
- Nov 12, Sat, take down flags after club meeting
- Nov 12 and 19th – collection for needy families for Christmas
- Nov 16 – Can Kennel sorting, Cub Scouts
- Nov 30 – Can Kennel sorting, Cub Scouts

Birthdays

- Oct 29 – Bill Vorthmann
- Nov 8 - Mick Gutttau
- Nov 18 – Dianne Willenborg
- Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood
- Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen

discussed volunteering at the elementary in Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students).

Graduated Senior Courtney Allen was presented her Optimist scholarship award. She is attending Iowa Western Community College in the nursing program.



Anniversaries

- Nov 2 - Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann
- Nov 6 - Kenneth & Linda Graham
- Nov 25 – Ward & Suzanne Chambers
- Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau

Speakers

- Nov 12 – Dale Willenborg – Family History Research

Programs

- Nov – Judy Gutttau
- Dec - Chuck Nielsen