

# NEWSLETTER www.treynoroptimist.org Treynor Optimist Club President: Kirk Vorthmann



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## **TS Community Foundation**

Mick Guttau said that the Treynor Community
Foundation is now the TS Community Foundation.
It was founded in 1999 and has supported a
variety of projects in Treynor, including the Eagle
Monument, Vision Treynor, the Optimist
Playground, splash pads, and band uniforms.
The Pottawattamie County Community
Foundation adds 10% to all donations.

## **Financial Literacy Program**

Bob Mantell spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on November 19. He leads the economic and financial literacy program through TS Bank that is called the TS Institute. He is also the head baseball coach at Treynor High School.

70% of TS Bank's community reinvestment goes to the financial literacy program. The program has now expanded to have a presence in North Dakota where the bank recently acquired two new banking locations.

The financial literacy program is affiliated with lowa Jump\$tart, lowa Money Smart Week, America Saves, and is also the lowa Council on Economic Education.



Last spring Bob traveled to Washington D.C. to present to the Financial Literacy Education Commission. He has also spent time in New York, Washington, Chicago, and Phoenix presenting and working with the FDIC, National Council on Economic Education,

National Jump\$tart Coalition, and America Saves network. Bob and his team are currently working with the Iowa Department of Education to facilitate new economics and financial literacy standards for Iowa's school districts.

TS Bank has in-school banking programs in three elementary schools (Treynor, Rue Elementary, and Franklin Elementary), one middle school (Woodrow Wilson), and one high school (Thomas Jefferson). In September 2017 they will open another program at College View Elementary. Since the in-school banking program started in 2010, children have saved over \$100,000. TS Institute's Patty Fleming operates the in-school banks.

The financial literacy program has held teacher workshops over the past five years. These workshops, called Financial Literacy Fairs, have been held in Carroll, Atlantic, Red Oak and Council Bluffs.

The program recently allocated \$6,500 to a sponsor the rock bank Gooding to present financial literacy concerts in Atlantic and Treynor. 800 students participated in both programs.

TS Institute Manager Kyle Osborne works closely with schools in the region to promote economic and financial literacy. He also goes twice a month to the Micah House, Iowa Works, IWCC and to the Juvenile Detention Center to teach lessons.

The program has engaged about 150 other banks throughout lowa to share ideas on working with school districts. About 20-25 have taken further actions, but at this time no other bank has a dedicated financial literacy team like the TS Institute.

Bob said that one of the hardest concepts for youth to understand is the relationship between debt and credit.

#### Baseball

Bob also presented on the 2016 Treynor Baseball team. They were 28-7 this year and won the Western Iowa Conference championship for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The team was ranked in the

class 2A top 10 all season and had three seniors (Grant Mantell, Travis Manzer, and Kyle Young) on the team. Two players (Grant Mantell and Brett Daley) were named to the all-state teams. Grant also played in the coaches association senior all-star series (in which Bob was the head coach) and won the Lanny Peterson award as captain of the All State Academic Team.

Bob expects the 2017 team to be competitive as they return 6 starters.

## **Meeting Minutes**

Kirk Vorthmann called the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order on November 19 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy Guttau gave the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser, Ken Graham, Jim Clausen, and John Klein provided jokes. Ken Graham won the 50/50. Linda Danker was selected for the attendance award, but she did not collect.

For bragging rights, Kevin Underwood contributed to the Youth Fund because he won the football pool again. Jim Clausen contributed for his uncles 95<sup>th</sup> birthday tomorrow. Someone contributed because they were on TV because they were at the football game.

November 27 is the Treynor Community Christmas. The TS Bank Rev program will be at the IWCC auditorium on Dec 1 at 5:30.

The Capture Kids Heart program is an in-service program at Treynor. It is to help children talk to everyone at the school.

### Calendar

Nov 30 – Can Kennel sorting, Cub Scouts, 1:00 p.m.

## **Birthdays**

Nov 8 - Mick Guttau (recognized)

Nov 18 - Dianne Willenborg

Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood

Dec 23 - Chuck Nielsen

#### **Anniversaries**

Nov 2 - Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann (recognized)

Nov 6 - Kenneth & Linda Graham (recognized)



Bob Mantell was given a can kennel check for the Baseball Team.

This month the can kennel is for the Cub Scouts. The next sorting will be November 16 at 1:00, and also November 30 at 1:00 p.m.

The club collected money for Christmas presents for needy families. The money will be used to buy gift cards to be given to families by the school. \$240 was collected last week and another \$58 was collected this week.

Membership dues are due. \$75 for members and \$44.20 for lifetime members.

The club voted to pay \$545 for two Treynor students to go to HOBY this year.

The JOOI Club is collecting food for the food bank and money for Shopping with a Sheriff.

A joke book was auctioned for \$1.

There were 16 members and one guest at the meeting. .

Nov 22 – John & Carol Klein (recognized)

Nov 25 – Ward & Suzanne Chambers

Dec 27 - Gary & Dee Guttau

#### **Speakers**

#### **Programs**

Nov – Judy Guttau

Dec - Chuck Nielsen