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Children's Square

Judy Guttau introduced Karen Jones, MS, Senior Director of Programs and Services at Children's Square USA in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Karen has worked at Children's Square for 20 years.



The Christian Home Association-Children's Square U.S.A. is a private, not-for-profit organization founded on December 23, 1882 and incorporated on March 16, 1883 by a Baptist minister who saw a need for the care of children. Children's Square U.S.A. has a rich history of caring for children from birth to age 21 and their families, meeting their individualized needs, instilling hope and helping restore lives.

Karen explained that in the 1970's Children's Square began contracting services for children. Today the three service areas are: Education, Child Welfare, and Behavioral Health. She described the services within each of these areas, together with the funding source for each. Approximately 1500 children from 30 counties in Iowa and three in Nebraska are served each day. Eighty-five percent of the operating expenses are met by state or federal funding and 15% by private pay, private insurance, donations and an endowment fund. Children's Square employs 180 to 200 people and has five locations: the Main Campus in Council Bluffs, two additional off-campus sites in Council Bluffs and an office site in both Sioux City and Omaha. Volunteers are needed, especially help to care for the 10 acre

campus and 10 buildings (handymen), mentors, Sunday Fun Day the first Sunday of each month, and the Spiritual Life Program. Karen believes people who volunteer send a message of care to the children. For more information about volunteer opportunities call the Children's Square office at 712-322-3700.

Meeting Minutes

In President Kirk Vorthmann's absence, Bill Vorthmann called the November 26, 2016 meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club to order at 8:03 am. The meeting began with humor offered by Gary Funkhouser and Marcia Underwood followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mick Guttau offered the prayer.

George Volz of Carson, interim Zone Chairman, presented a New Projects Badge to John Klein to be applied to the Treynor Optimist Banner. The six new projects completed were: Law Enforcement and Firemen Appreciation Dinner; Food Pantry "Adopt a Family" Project; Cardinal Core Volunteer Project; Tree Pruning Party at High School; a new fund raiser "Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast"; and Jr. Optimist Club Community Service Scholarships.



Chairman Volz also reported that the Iowa District Optimist Convention is scheduled for August 4-6 in Council Bluffs at the Holiday Inn. Treynor Optimists will coordinate opening ceremonies. Saturday, February 4, will be the Regional

Optimist Meeting in Council Bluffs. The Region consists of Treynor, Underwood, Riverside, Kimballton-Elkhorn, Griswold, and Walnut.

Chad Gutttau won the 50/50 and Judy Gutttau collected the attendance prize.

For bragging rights, Jim Clausen recognized Hawkeye Football. Judy Gutttau recognized Cyclone Football and Dick Leeper for an Elementary School Volunteer Nonpareil Interview. Kevin Underwood recognized Bailey White in Basketball. Gary Gutttau recognized Konnor Sudmann's KMA Basketball Interview and Dee and Gary Gutttau's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The Cub Scouts will sort cans on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 1:00 pm. There is an early school dismissal that day.

Judy Gutttau invited the public to TS Bank's REV event on Dec. 1 at Iowa Western Community College in the Arts Center. The FREE event begins at 5:00 p.m. with light refreshments. The

Calendar

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

Birthdays

Nov 8 - Mick Gutttau (recognized)
Nov 18 – Dianne Willenborg
Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood
Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

Nov 2 - Kirk & Lynell Vorthmann (recognized)

first presentation begins at 6:00 p.m. The presentations are similar to Shark Tank in that businesses in the area are vying for \$25,000 with their product ideas. The event will end by 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming community events were announced: Junior Treynor Women Holiday Event Nov. 27; Bone Marrow Testing Dec. 3; Elementary selling Christmas ornaments; Dec. 8 Bloodmobile; Cardinal Core Dec. 11 at 3:00 at Zion Church; JOOI Winter Clothing Drive; Optimist donations to Food Bank and Shop with a Sheriff.

The club received an invitation from Griswold Optimists for a Christmas dinner and auction event at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Methodist Church. Meals are \$12; Reservations can be made with Sandy at (712) 778-2188/(712) 789-1279.

Nov 6 - Kenneth & Linda Graham (recognized)
Nov 22 – John & Carol Klein (recognized)
Nov 25 – Ward & Suzanne Chambers
Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau

Speakers

Programs

Dec - Chuck Nielsen