



Iowa Senate Majority Leader



Mike Gronstal, the Iowa Senate Majority Leader, spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on March 5. He started his presentation talking about his grandfather, B.A. Gronstal, who was president of the former Council Bluffs Savings Bank.

Gronstal said that the Iowa legislature is working on budget matters. The Iowa budget has three main

functions: educate, medicate, and incarcerate. These three items cover 90% of the budget. 57-58% of the budget is for education.

The state is transitioning Medicaid to managed care. The Iowa rate is \$3300 and Louisiana is \$7500. There are three providers in Iowa for managed care. They say they can save 7-15% for the state. The Federal Medical Assistance Percentages (FMAPs) are used in determining the amount of Federal matching funds for State expenditures for Medicaid. Gronstal said that he was confident that they could save 7-15% in a state like Louisiana where the federal

government subsidies are high, but it will be difficult to achieve in Iowa. The FMAP rates also show why reimbursements to hospitals in Iowa is about the lowest in the country. In Iowa, more than 90% of the increase in the Iowa Medicaid subsidies is due to the low FMAP for Iowa. Speaking on incarceration, Gronstal said that Iowa is on the low side of states for the number of people locked up. Iowa is low on violent crime and has the lowest murder rate in the country.

The state is also looking at water quality issues. Des Moines is suing counties upstream to reduce nitrates in the water.

Meeting Minutes

John Klein opened the meeting on March 5 and led the pledge of allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer. Mike Gronstal, Keith Denton, and Mick Guttau provided humor.

For bragging rights, Dale Willenborg contributed to the Youth Fund because his daughter Katie Nordby had a girl born on Thursday, Grace Ann Nordby. Jeff Jorgensen contributed because the Iowa caucuses went well. Judy and Mick Guttau contributed because they were mentioned in an article in the Omaha World Herald about the invasion of Laos.

There were 14 people at the tree trimming this week and they worked about 2 hours.

Bill Vorthmann won the 50/50 and Chad Guttau won the attendance award. There were 14 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

Calendar

- March 9 – Can Kennel sorting for JOOI Club, 3:45 p.m.
- March 10 – Pops Concert & Lasagna supper – 5:30 p.m.
- March 23 – Can Kennel sorting for JOOI Club, 3:45 p.m.
- April 2 – Election of club officers
- April 17 – Youth Appreciation at ZION – 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- April 3 - Sunday – Club breakfast fundraiser
- April 20 – Arbor day tree mulching after school-early out
- June 20-24 - Swim lessons

Birthdays

- Mar 2 – Ward Chambers
- Mar 11 – Kenneth Graham

Anniversaries

- Mar 4 – Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 – Keith & Georgia Denton (recognized)

Speakers

- Mar 12: Doug Wehring, Treynor Vision
- Mar 19 – Mike Travis, new business in town

Mar 26: Jeff Jorgensen, Republican caucus in Iowa

Programs

- Mar – John Klein
- April – Chad Guttau
- May – Gary Guttau
- June – Dale Willenborg
- July – Jeff Jorgensen will take the first two. Last two open.
- Aug – Mick Guttau
- Sept – Ken Graham
- Oct – Bill Vorthmann
- Nov – Judy Guttau
- Dec - Chuck Nielsen

Prayers

- Mar 12 – Ken Graham
- Mar 19 – Gary Funkhouser
- Mar 26 – Bill Vorthmann
- Apr 2 – Richard Vorthmann
- Apr 9 – Judy Guttau

‘Tis much better to give than to receive – and it’s deductible.

A guy we know was the youngest of 14 children. He was 10 years old before he found out there were other parts of a chicken besides the gravy.