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Christian Goos, Archivist, Barack Obama Presidential Library

Christian Goos, a Presidential Library Archivist, spoke on Saturday, November 25 at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting. Goos, a 2001 Treynor High School graduate, attended IWCC and received his BA in History from the University of Iowa and MA in History from Eastern Michigan University. He developed his interest while visiting Presidential Libraries as a child, and in college he worked as an intern at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library/Museum at West Branch, Iowa. President Hoover first donated his items to Stanford University, but after seeing the Truman Library in 1957, and becoming unhappy with academia during the McCarthy era, moved his papers to his own Library in West Branch, IA, which opened in 1962.



A Presidential Library/Museum is important as it is a time capsule of a certain period of time. President Roosevelt first donated his presidential records to the National Archives with his own Library in Hyde Park, NY in 1941. President Truman followed this with his Presidential Library in Independence, MO in 1957.

Richard Nixon, following his 1974 resignation, was planning to take all the records and tapes with him to California, but President Ford challenged this and it was decided to hold those materials in Washington, D.C due to the ongoing litigation surrounding Watergate.

The Presidential Records Act (PRA Act) of 1978 stated presidential documents and items no longer belonged to the President but to the American people. President Reagan's Library was the first PRA Library.

President Ford's library is located at his alma mater, the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, and his Museum is located two hours away in his old Congressional district of Grand Rapids, MI. Goos worked with this project for almost four years.

The George W. Bush Presidential Library/Museum is in Dallas, where Goos worked for over five years. He also worked at the White House to get presidential records and items transferred for President Barack Obama into the early hours leading up to the Inauguration for President Donald Trump. 20,000 cubic feet of official records and 40,000 artifacts were moved from the White House. Moves are orchestrated by specification considering security, temperature, shelving in warehouses, and transportation with police escorts and the aid of military personnel.

There were 17 archivists working at the Bush Library. They read every document line by line, including emails. There are 200 million emails to be archived in the Bush Presidency.

April 25, 2013 Christian and his mother were excited to attend the Bush Library/Museum dedication, and all five living Presidents attended as well as other government officials.

Goos is now working on archiving documents for the Barack Obama Presidential Library/Museum near Chicago and anticipates a different look to his library.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) provides that people have the right to request records.

There is a five year grace period after a President departs office. The archivists read the records and works with other government agencies to ensure proper declassification and release through a process called Mandatory Declassification Review. It can be a long process, but it is a free service at the National Archives.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton, President conducted the meeting of the Treynor Optimist Club on November 25, 2017. There were 16 members present plus four guests, Julie Funkhouser, Kirk Funkhouser, Linda Gomez and Christian Goos. The meeting began with humor by Chad Gutttau and Keith Denton, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Dee Gutttau offered the prayer.

Mick Gutttau donated for his birthday, which was earlier in the month.

Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 drawing. Chad Gutttau won the football contest. John Klein won the attendance prize.

Jim Clausen donated to the Youth Fund because of the Iowa win over Nebraska, Ann Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of Christian Goos, today's speaker.

Gary Gutttau gave a membership update. Can Kennel sorting will begin at 1:15 PM on Wednesday, Nov. 29 to help the Cub Scouts.

The hat was passed to collect funds to adopt a local family for Christmas, which Jnelle Keysor and Carol Klein coordinate. \$200 was collected.

Calendar

Birthdays

Dec 16 – Kevin Underwood
Dec 23 – Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

Dec 27 – Gary & Dee Gutttau

Judy Gutttau reminded members to like or become a friend of the Treynor Optimist Facebook page.

Mick Gutttau announced that he attended a Sheepdog Seminar last Fri. evening and all day Saturday in West Omaha and will share the information which applies to church security when he speaks next Saturday. Invite others who may be interested.

The meeting was adjourned and the Optimist creed was stated.

A correction to last week's newsletter. The name under the picture should be Emerald Nelson.

Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs! Optimist Club meetings run from 8-9 AM each Saturday morning at the Treynor Community Building (Legion Room). The coffee is always on and donuts are served.

Think on these:

"Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad."

"In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify...." someone answered, "a doctor."

"Where there's a will, I want to be in it."

These are examples of paraprosdokians! Winston Churchill loved this type of figure of speech in which the last part of the sentence is a surprise. A friend of Mick's sent this to him

Programs

December – Mick Gutttau
January - John Klein
February - Chad Gutttau

Speakers

Dec. 2 – Mick Gutttau sharing what he learned at Sheepdog Seminar on Church Security
Dec. 9 - Tom Lewis, new mayor of Treynor