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### **Dan Gillett Speaking on Funeral Services**

Dan Gillett from Cutler O'Neill Meyer Woodring Funeral Home and Crematory spoke about Funeral Services at the Treynor Optimist Club meeting on March 10. He explained Funeral Services came into being in America right after the Civil War. Midwives had cared for dead soldiers and the idea was conceived.



**Dan Gillett**

The funeral home's goal is to do everything possible to take care of the family's loved one and to make it easier for the family. Upon receiving the phone call, the funeral home responds immediately to express condolences and make the removal of the deceased to the funeral home for preparation of the body, according to the family's wishes. If a person dies at home, call 911 and arrangements will be directed. If a person on Hospice Care dies, the Hospice Nurse will make the call.

Gillett explained there are direct burials, cremation, and traditional services. Embalming is not required unless a communicable disease was involved and depending on how many hours before refrigeration and the type of service. A body can be preserved for 30 days in refrigeration. If more time is needed, a state permit is required.

Cutler O'Neill Meyer Woodring installed a crematory in April 2013. Cremation has several options: 1) Direct – no service or burial 2) Family Viewing Only immediately without embalming 3) Traditional Service without viewing, 4) Traditional Service with viewing in which case the body is embalmed, placed in a ceremonial rental casket, and cremated after the services.

The laws for distributing ashes depends on each state, but ashes are not to be scattered on public waterways. It is okay to disburse in oceans as those are international waters.

Bodies can be donated for medical research. The Nebraska Anatomical Board is used locally for placement. Eyes can be donated through the Iowa Lions eye bank, and body parts can be donated through the Iowa Donor Network at the time you renew your license and the latter will be indicated on your license or you can register online.

Gillett pointed out that Social Security payments are paid in arrears for the deceased. For example, the March payment is for February. A law was changed during the Reagan administration so currently now the first to die of a couple gets the funeral credit of \$255. If the first to die did not have Social Security credits, there is no funeral credit for the first to die or the spouse or dependent children.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Keith Denton called the meeting to order with 14 members and 2 guests, Mark Feilmann and Ken Gillett.

Gary Guttau and Keith Denton provided humor. After the pledge of allegiance Dee Guttau said the prayer.

Jim Clausen won the 50/50 drawing. Josh Guttau won the attendance drawing, but was not present. The group sang for the birthday of guest Mark Feilmann, Optimist Club Governor-elect.

Dollars were contributed to the Youth Fund for the boys and girls state basketball performances by Keith Denton, Dale Willenborg, John Klein, Kirk Vorthmann, Jim Clausen, and Judy Guttau. Kirk also contributed for the large number of Optimist helpers for the can kennel on Wednesday. Judy donated for Roland Burger being honored as a Hero in the Heartland by the American Red Cross for donating 29 gallons of blood and at the age of 91 still donating. Gary Guttau contributed for the family feeling lucky for escaping bodily injury in an accident on the interstate to Olathe. Jim Clausen donated for observing that his son, Jeremy, and Mick's son, Josh, have less hair than their fathers.

Mark Feilmann, Governor Elect of Optimist Club, from Ankeny is visiting Iowa's clubs and spoke briefly. This is the 100th year of Optimist International. Feilmann assured John Klein if the Treynor Optimist Club receives a grant for the Hydrant Sprayer Project, he would get it to the club. He indicated their Ankeny club has a project grant submitted also.

Can Kennel helpers for the Cheer Team were Bill Vorthmann, John Klein, Keith Denton, Chad and Gary Guttau, Kirk Vorthmann, Ken Graham, and Gary Funkhouser. Kirk will reach out to the Cheer organizer about the next sorting.

School/Community Activities reported:

Today – 28 Individual state speech contest entries from Treynor at Nevada.

Mon., 3/12 – School Board Meeting

See the list below under the calendar of a busy month of activities. See [www.treynorschools.org](http://www.treynorschools.org) for details of the school activities.

*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 (and sometimes breakfast)! Come join us for fun, fellowship, and interesting programs!*

#### Calendar

- Mar 13 Treynor Pops Concert/Dinner and Teacher Pie in the Face fundraiser 5:30-8:30
- Mar 14 Babysitting clinic sponsored by Cardinal Core
- Mar 14 WIC Quiz Bowl in Treynor HS
- Mar 14 Blood Drive – East Gym at HS
- Mar 15 Elementary Night of the Arts
- Mar 16 Elementary After School Dance sponsored by Cardinal Core
- Mar 19 Music Boosters Eat Wings Fundraiser 11 AM/11 PM, Coupon needed
- Mar 20 Elementary Literacy night, 5-7 p.m. sponsored by Cardinal Core
- Mar 21 Parents Meeting to learn about Internet Safety and other Safety issues at Silos. 5:30 p.m. Free Pizza, meeting 6:00-8:00.
- Mar 21 Can Kennel Sorting
- Apr 10 Arbor Day mulching at the High School
- Apr 27 Treynor Athletic Booster Bash fundraiser Treynor Community Building Gail Hartigan will be honored.

#### Birthdays

- Mar 11 Kenneth Graham

#### Anniversaries

#### Programs

- March Dale Willenborg
- April Gary Funkhouser

#### Speakers

- March 17 – Teri Keller, Exercises for everyone
- March 24 – Meeting at Iowa Western Community College Cullinary Arts Center with Mike Hoppe
- March 30 -

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