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Gary Guttau Speaks about Docent Training

Gary Guttau spoke about his docent training at the Henry Doorly Zoo to the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, May 12. A docent educates the public about the animals and areas of the Zoo. As a former science and vocational agriculture teacher, he enjoys learning and it's a great fit for him. Once a week on Thursdays he trains at the Zoo from 8:30 AM – 12 PM. Much of the training is with official docents in very small groups and in the various areas of the Zoo. He can train in as many areas as he wants. There will be tests to take before becoming an official docent.



Gary Guttau

Interesting facts learned are: The Zoo has existed since 1894 and the Lied Jungle has been open for 26 years. In the Lied Jungle each pond has its own water control underneath. Hippos relieve themselves in the water so filtering is a problem. There is a new baby hippo.

The new educational building provides 12 grades of school offering kids from different districts in

the metro area the opportunity to apply if interested. Next year kids from Glenwood, IA will be able to apply.

Under the aquarium there are work places to raise jelly fish, etc for food. He has been able to walk over the aquarium also. Volunteer scuba divers clean the aquarium.

He has been able to pet a rhinoceros. Their mouths reach out for lettuce much like an elephant.

Gary stated the Omaha Zoo's Wildlife Safari near Ashton is in need of hayracks.

He stated there are very dedicated volunteers and workers who don't like to take vacation because they know the animals are attached to them.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton called the meeting to order with 14 members present. Humor was provided by Judy Guttau and Ken Graham. After the pledge of allegiance Dale Willenborg said the prayer.

Kevin Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. Kirk Vorthmann won the attendance drawing but was not present two weeks in a row. There were no anniversaries or birthdays.

Bragging Rights dollars were contributed to the Youth Fund by Ken Graham for his grandson, Kory Graham, buying a house in CB at age 23 with a first time home owner's loan. Ann Vorthmann contributed for the high school concert band receiving a 1 rating, Kevin and Marsha Underwood donated because Bailey White qualified for three events in the state track meet. John Klein contributed to announce it is National Public Gardeners Day and that water lines are hooked up to the Community Gardens. Any citizen interested in having a garden at the Treynor Community Gardens should contact Denise Kaeys. Kirk Vorthmann contributed a dollar to state that the Middle School Band was excellent at the mid-week concert.

Community News: Gary Funkhouser circulated school activities calendars for the rest of May. Senior Awards Night is at 6:00 Wed., May 16 and there was discussion about an Optimist presenting the Optimist Scholarships at this event.

Gary Gutttau reported that the Silver Keg Feeders had a \$1033 can collection. He also stated 93 flags have been paid for. Last year there were 135. Dale Willenborg will send reminders. The Can Kennel sorting for Zion Youth will be this Wed., May 16. Time to be announced.

Under New Business, John Klein indicated that Pastor Adam Magill stated Zion Congregational Church will build the sprayers for the hydrant parties and submit the bill for the Optimists to reimburse. John informed the group that this would be before the grant money is received.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with the recitation of the Optimist Creed.

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!

A Thought

The higher the mountain, the deeper the valley. All of life on the same plateau would be dull.

Calendar

May 16 Can Kennel Sorting with Zion Youth

Birthdays

May 21 Steve Irvin

May 22 Kirk Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Programs

May Gary Gutttau

June Lou Howell

July Ann Vorthmann (first 2 weeks)

Chuck Nielsen (last 2 weeks)

Speakers

May 19 Woodmen of the World

May 27 Christy Baker, TS Bank – Fraud Prevention

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