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Woodmen of the World Presents to Treynor Optimists



Tim Reinert and Randy Horrocks

Randy Horrocks spoke about Woodmen of the World to the Treynor Optimist Club on Saturday, May 19. As Regional Director, he serves the area from Iowa west to Hawaii.

Horrocks explained that Woodmen of the World, founded in 1890, is an insurance company, but more than that it is a fraternal benefits society. The business side focuses on insurance and financial products for the family market in rural areas. The fraternal side focuses on patriotism, national incentives to feed the hungry, scholarships, youth sports and family activities.

The Optimist Club of Treynor was a recent recipient of twenty flags from Woodman of the World, which are used to line the streets in Treynor on seven holidays. These flags were donated by the Council Bluffs chapter, represented by Tim Reinert, who was present. The fee paid by families and businesses to have the Optimist Club put up and take down the flags provides the money for the scholarships donated to seniors at Treynor Community Schools.

Horrocks explained that Woodmen of the World started this program of donating flags in 1946 and have donated approximately 2.7 million flags. Next to the US government, Woodmen of the

World is the largest purchaser of flags. They give them away to churches, schools, and non-profit organizations.

Woodmen of the World has also given several million dollars to feed the hungry and over one million dollars in scholarships.

Woodmen of the World is owned by its members who form local chapters within each state and send state delegates to the national organization. You must have a policy to be a member. Horrocks stated that Woodmen of the World is one of the top four largest fraternal insurance companies in the world.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton called the meeting to order with 12 members and three guests present- Bradley Kenealy, Tim Reinert and Randy Horrocks. Humor was provided by Ann Vorthmann, Gary Guttau and Keith Denton. After the pledge of allegiance, Dee Guttau said the prayer.

Bradley Kenealy won the 50/50 drawing. Dale Willenborg won the attendance drawing. There were no anniversaries or birthdays.

Bragging Rights dollars were contributed to the Youth Fund by Judy Guttau to announce that she and Mick had attended the world premier showing of The Book of Job in American Sign Language at the Deaf Christian Leaders Conference in Omaha. Ann Vorthmann and Keith Denton donated because Woodmen of the World had donated twenty flags to the Optimist Club and were speaking today. Gary Guttau contributed because he has become an official docent at the Henry Doorly Zoo and his first assignment involved watching out for the baby hippo. Dale Willenborg contributed because of the Royal Wedding. Bill Vorthmann donated because planting was finished, thanks to Clausens.

Under Old Business the names of Treynor Seniors who were selected for \$500 Treynor Optimist scholarships which were announced at Awards Night were: Luke Clausen, Kaylee

Finnegan, Claire Flathers, Mitchell Griffin, Payton Livengood, Garrett Pryor, Annaliese McCain, Katelyn Olsen, and Klara Ticer. The two JOI Club scholarships, funded by the Optimist Club, presented were Mitchell Griffin and Nolan Hanson.

Under New Business, it was announced that flags will be set out after the meeting next Saturday, May 26. Getting youth assistance was discussed. Dee Gutttau expressed concerned that flag footings may need to be replaced due to extensive street work. Dale Willenborg will call Iowa Power about this and additional footings.

John Klein stated that he has clarified with the city council about liability for the summer hydrant party. The city will donate the water for this.

A wild bird feeder was donated by Judy Gutttau for the auction and purchased for \$5 by Dale Willenborg.

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

Love may not make the world go 'round, but it makes the ride worthwhile.

Calendar

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 27	Christy Baker, TS Bank – Fraud & Fraud Prevention
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