

NEWSLETTER

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Treynor Optimist Club President:

Keith Denton



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Hobbies & Interests

Dale Willenborg led a discussion on people's hobbies and interests. Dale has been collecting 4-leaf clovers since he was a teenager, over 50 years ago. He has some 5, 6, and 7-leaf clovers. As a teenager he would find them around the pasture on the farm where he lived. It was next to a corn field and 2-4D was used to control the weeds in the corn. Drift from the 2-4D probably stimulated the clover to produce additional leaves, including some 6 and 7-leaf clovers.

Dale also loves gardening and starts a variety of plants from seed each year. He loves to try growing a variety of vegetables and flowers, trying something new each year. Dale is also an avid genealogist.

His wife, Dianne, loves to sew. She repairs clothes and made 30-40 costumes for a historical musical, "Come Home to Kanesville". She also has a depression glass collection and loves to read. Dale and Dianne love visiting grandchildren and wished they lived closer.

John Klein collected stamps as a youth. His mother would buy new stamps for him. The stamp collection was recently appraised at less than the value printed on the stamps. This year he used the stamps to send out Christmas cards. Each card was filled with small denominational stamps to get enough postage.

John is also a conservationist. He has applied for grants that funded 57 waterway signs on bridges in Pottawattamie County and 20 in Mills County. He is currently working on additional signs for Mills County.

Kevin Underwood loves to garden. He grows potatoes and donates extras to pantries. He also loves baking cookies for charities and has a collection of Bicentennial quarters.

Jim Clausen collected baseball cards when he was young. He had some rarer cards in his collection, but his mother threw them away. Jim also likes to go out to the farm to do things there.

Ken Graham likes to sell things online, especially on eBay. He goes to auctions and thrift stores to find bargains. He recently sold 50 pairs of boots at a profit of \$5 each. He has an 8-track tape collection of about 500 tapes and 6-8 8-track players. His wife collects depression glass.

Bill Vorthmann likes to sing in the choir at church. He enjoys putting together 500-1000 piece puzzles and playing cards.

Ann Vorthmann likes collecting inspirational quotes. She also enjoys making wreaths.

Gary Funkhouser collects annuals from every school he has worked at. His wife has a large collection of cookbooks.

Marsha Underwood crochets scarves and other items, especially when she is volunteering at Jenny Edmundson. She also enjoys word search puzzles.

Keith Denton enjoys boating and teaching kids to ski. He likes listening to books on tape and mentioned one in particular, "Wings of the Morning" about communism in Cuba. His wife likes to garden.

Cindy Biederman from Cub Scout Troup 729 said that she likes scrapbooking. She is working on baby books for their three children. She also runs Cindy's Creative Corner.

Caden Spanier, a cub scout, has a hot wheels collection. He has 150 cars.

Nathaniel Biederman, a cub scout, loves to build things with Legos. He built a ten story Lego building that he is going to enter in a Lego contest next weekend at the Mid-America Center. It is 2 foot 7 inches high, weighs five pounds, and took him 6-7 months to build.

Lance Spanier, the Cub Scout leader, loves sharing books with his father. He also has a collection of GI Joe action figures from his youth. He gets together with friends and goes on group tours on old-time snow mobiles.

Additions

Mick Guttau is interested primarily in aviation. He has a collection of eagles, some Coke items and helicopters. He loves flying a fixed wing and really misses flying a chopper. He also likes to work on having a healthy yard.

Mick and Judy love spending time together traveling. Judy Guttau loves planning activities with the grandkids and going to their activities. She finds great peace in sewing, singing and playing the piano. Both Mick and Judy enjoy entertaining. She really enjoys study time with her Bible Study Fellowship group. Judy enjoys doing Sodoku when they are on an airplane.

Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton called the meeting to order with 10 members and 4 guests.

Keith Denton provided humor. After the pledge of allegiance Dale Willenborg said the prayer.

Marsha Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. Kirk Vorthmann won the attendance drawing, but was not present. Ken Graham celebrated his birthday and provided donuts.

For bragging rights: Marsha Underwood, Ken Graham, Dale Willenborg, Keith Denton, and Kevin Underwood contributed to recognize the Treynor girls' basketball team. Marsha also recognized Bailey for making the 1st team Hawkeye Ten basketball team.

Ann Vorthmann, said she learned that the Underwood Optimist Club is having a walk on June 23 to earn money for Optimist Childhood Cancer Fund.

Jan Young and Pat Hope are asking for help to get the Treynor City Council to not charge the Red Cross for using the community building for blood donations. They will charge them \$450 three times each year when they use it. Residents of Treynor are encouraged to support this. No other towns in the area charge the Red Cross. The city council postponed their discussion on the issue until April 2 because their Monday meeting was cancelled because of the boys' basketball game.

On March 21st at 5:30 PM there will be a session to teach adults about social media and tech skills to protect their children. More information will follow.

Cub Scout Troup 729 came to pick up a can kennel check for \$772. Nathaniel Biederman said he liked helping with flags and cleanup at football games. Caden Spanier said that he enjoys the pinewood derby. The money will help with the Blue and Gold next month, along with campouts, the Pinewood Derby, and rockets in the spring. There are about 20 boys in the Cub Scout Pack.



L-R: Lance Spanier, Cindy Biederman, Caden Spanier, Nathatniel Biederman, Keith Denton

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 7	Can Kennel Sorting – Treynor Dance Team
	(may be changed to Tuesday because of the basketball game.)
Mar 13	Elementary Art night
Mar 14	Babysitting clinic
Mar 14	Blood Drive in East Gym, 8:00 am 2:00
	p.m.
Mar 15	IWCC Jazz Festival
Mar 20	Elementary Literacy night, 5-7 p.m.
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.
Apr 10	Arbor Day mulching at the High School
Birthdays	
Mar 2	Ward Chambers
Mar 11	Kenneth Graham (recognized)
Mar 20	Jon Jacobsen
Anniversaries	
Mar 4	Gene & Erika Seran
Mar 8	Keith & Georgia Denton
Programs	
March	Dale Willenborg
April	Gary Funkhouser

March 17 - Teri Keller, Exercises for everyone

Speakers

March 10 -

March 24 – Meeting at Iowa Western Community College Cullinary Arts Center with Mike Hoppe March 30 -

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