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**Guttaus speak about their Zoo experience**

On Sat. January 12 at the Treynor Optimist meeting Mick and Judy Guttau shared a slide show of pictures taken in a "Behind the Scenes" tour at the Henry Doorly Zoo taken in July. The scheduled speaker, Stan Latta, Chaplain at the Pott Co. Jail, will speak at a later date.

The Guttaus were invited to participate in this four-hour tour by Kim and Anne McKeown, along with Ron and Joanie Tekippe of Council Bluffs and were hosted by Dr. Lee Simmons. Their golf cart was driven by the son of Melvin Houser, who works in administration at the Zoo.



From there they toured the area above the aquarium and were able to see staff feeding certain fish, saw tables of coral being developed, observed the fish including the jelly fish from above the tank. Below the aquarium, there were large holding tanks of water and we could observe where the water is filtered.



The tour started in the Administration Building which had beautiful sculptures of polar bears and is being used for educational purposes.



In the giraffe house, each in the group were given leaves of romaine lettuce to feed Sam, the 19 year old giraffe, who recently passed. Some were

Then the group was surprised to be led into the area with the penguins so were also observed by the public waving at them on the other side of the large glass viewing area. They saw where the snow and ice were made and the cage where some penguins are protected.

encouraged to let Sam take the lettuce from their mouths.



The penguins were friendly and came up to each in the group.



**Sam and Dr. Lee Simmons**



## Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Thirteen members were present on this snowy day. Chad Gutttau, Dale Willenborg, Dee Gutttau and Gary Gutttau shared jokes followed by the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Gary Gutttau won the 50/50 award and Dale Willenborg won the attendance drawing. There were no birthdays or anniversaries observed.

For bragging rights, Dee Gutttau announced her nephew had finished harvesting just as the snow was beginning. Dale contributed to announce he has a house for rent and shared an interesting rental story. Keith Denton contributed to state that he had seen a good movie, "Second Hand Lion". Judy donated to give a salute to the good coaches in Treynor.

John Klein stated that the Jazz Band Contest was cancelled today. He indicated that Monday night is the local speech program prior to contest for the public to attend. He stated that everyone can sign up on the school web site to receive a weekly email on Fridays of upcoming activities. John stated that from Keep Kids Alive, came the Trail project, which led to a study of what is needed conducted by universities and the National Park Service and a meeting will be held Monday at Silos related to this.

There was no old business. Under new business, the can kennel has reached over \$161,000 in funds for youth. John Klein and Gary Funkhouser were recognized for helping with Wednesday's can kennel to help the music boosters. John stated that it had to

be the largest group of kids (25-30) to show and it took 4 adults to keep up with them tying bags.

John Klein stated there is another opportunity to apply for a \$500 project grant from Opt International. He asked for project ideas. It was suggested that perhaps Vision Treynor or Cardinal Core would have some ideas. Dale Willenborg stated that he would look into the possibility of a group meeting of various community organizations to collaborate on ideas.

Kim Barents, Varsity Volleyball Coach, will speak next Sat.

The board meeting was postponed for two weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by stating the Optimists Pledge.

**What did the green grape say to the purple grape??? Breathe! Breathe!**

### Calendar

Jan. 23 Can kennel sorting at 3:30 PM

### Birthdays

Jan. 19 Dennis White

### Anniversaries Programs

January Judy Gutttau  
February Keith Denton  
March Chad Gutttau

### Speakers

Jan. 19 Kim Barents, HS Volleyball Coach  
Jan. 26 Bill Wypyski, All Care Health Care.

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