



Nov. 2, 2019

Vol. 35 No. 43

Jon Jacobsen, Iowa State Representative

Jon Jacobsen, Iowa State Representative for all of Pottawattamie County except west Council Bluffs, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Jon and his wife Deb live in Council Bluffs (formerly in Treynor) and have three grown children and one granddaughter. Jon is 1st



Senior Trust Officer at Security National Bank in Council Bluffs. He has his BS from Creighton University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa School of Law.

L-R: Jon Jacobsen, Chad Guttau

His opening remarks unified his beliefs and set a basis for the work he does for Iowans:

“I have nothing against social work. The best social program is a job.”

“When this country was founded, it was based on Judeo-Christian values.”

“Unlike the French, our rights are inalienable – can’t be taken away.”

He read a piece written by George Washington stating our country is grounded on the principles of religion and morality. He stated British Common Law contains the eight pillars of the beatitudes from the Bible.

Jon paid homage to Chad Guttau, stating he is the best clerk in the legislature. He also helps serve as a tour guide at the Iowa Capital.

Issues impacting Iowans were presented by Jon:

- 1) The US Military is the greatest single force for the planet. He discussed the impact of taking out Al Bagdadi and his second in command.
- 2) The China trade pact which is hopefully being signed in America soon.
- 3) Flooding issues: The complexity of this issue has developed in the last ten years - “Saving two fish and one bird.” In addition, big fishing, big boating and big reservoirs are controlling, plus the federal government is not honoring laws of the US.”
 “Would it make sense to plug some levees? vs. The Fed is wanting to raise the Interstate and buy out landowners.” Paperwork is enormous for the

- families who are suffering. There is an effort to reconfigure trusteeship of levees.
- 4) USMCA (US-Mexican-Canadian Accord) – he feels can be the single greatest rejuvenator of the farm economy. The Senate has passed this, but the House of Representatives has not acted and time is running out.
 - 5) Taxes – “If you cut taxes, you multiply money.” Iowa has \$300M in surplus right now due to this practice.
 - 6) Committees he serves on are Chm of Ethics Committee, State Government Committee, Vice Chm of Commerce Committee, and Ag Appropriations Committee.
 - 7) Concerns are that he is seeing efforts by government to support death panels, to support taking away points of personal privilege (taking away guns is one), and to support squashing free speech of conservative groups on campuses.
 - 8) He stated that with Iowa being a caucus state, there is a major effort nationally to flip three seats of GOP conservatives in the Iowa House.

Next week Josh Guttau, CEO, TS Banking Group, will speak. Join us from 8-9 AM at the Treynor Community Building. The coffee will be on!

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Seventeen members were present. Jon Jacobsen, speaker, was a guest.

Jokes/stories were shared by Jordan Campbell, Mick Guttau, and Bill Vorthmann. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Dennis White and the Attendance Drawing was won by Gary Funkhouser.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

No Birthdays or Anniversaries were observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund included: 1) Seven people donating because of the great Treynor football win in the first Play-off game against Western Christian. (Phil Waggoner, Kevin

Underwood, Marsha Underwood, Gary Funkhouser, Mick and Judy Guttau, and Dale Willenborg) 2) Dee and Chad Guttau donating because of Brock Fox's sack of the quarterback. 3) Judy Guttau to tell about her ISU Singers alumni reunion last weekend. 4) John Klein to state that "Gifts of Love" through Salem Methodist Church has received corporate funding for 200 kids meals packages to be used for Hope Net women coming out of incarceration.

Community News:

The JOII Club Burma Shave "Safe Driving" Signs are up. Look for them as you come into Treynor from the west.

The second round play offs for the Treynor football team vs. West Sioux is this Fri., Nov. 8 at 7 PM in Hawarden.

The Treynor School Play, "Once Upon a Mattress" will be performed this coming Saturday and Sunday. The Friday performance was cancelled due to the play-off game.

Thank you Bill and Ann Vorthmann for representing the Optimist Club at the Treynor Trunk or Treat event last Sunday. In spite of the cold, Bill stated there were lots of children. John Klein reported that on Halloween, he distributed candy to about 100 children at his daughter's house, which was down from 160 in 2018.

Matt Saar, our newest member, was introduced. In addition, Matt is running for the City Council and was asked by Bill Vorthmann to share a few comments about what he hopes for Treynor.

Be sure to vote Tuesday, November 5 for the school board which is now part of the general election. Vote for both where you go to vote for the general election.

Old Business:

A decision about how the National Honor Society, at their request, can help with putting up flags was finalized. They will put up flags along the highway for Veterans Day. Because of uncertain weather, this is not one of the scheduled flag days for the Optimists.

Gary Guttau, Gary Funkhouser, and John Klein helped a large group of Boy Scouts and their leaders with sorting cans for the can kennel. In two weeks the Cub Scouts will sort.

New Business:

Dennis White won the football contest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and concluded with the saying of the Optimist pledge.

NEW MEMBERS



Phil Waggoner

Matt Saar

BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2019

Present: Board Members: Bill Vorthmann, Dale Willenborg, Gary Guttau, Ken Graham, Jordan Campbell, Judy Guttau. John Klein also attended.

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting of the Board to order. The corporate level of Casey's is providing nine boxes of bags for free for the can kennel. Judy will send a thank you.

Mugs and pens were discussed. Judy made a motion, seconded by Dale to pursue buying mugs at the best price and give our speakers a choice of a pen or mug. All voted aye.

A motion was made by Ken, seconded by Dale to set the price of \$40 for flags for 2020. In addition, Homecoming will be substituted for Columbus Day. All voted aye. A motion was made by Judy, seconded by Dale to charge \$10 for additional footings if a resident wants to put out additional flags (FB team flags, etc.). This will be listed on the application as an option. All voted aye. We want to continue to state to the public on the application that all money is for the benefit of the youth in our community – all for scholarships.

Regarding younger assistance with putting up and taking down flags, a list of flag holidays will be listed on the can kennel application requesting organizations to check a date when they could supply 4-5 people to assist the Optimists. Motion by Judy, seconded by Dale. All voted aye.

The Treasurer presented a complete report. Our coffers at the end of the year are similar to last year. If there is someone in the club who would like to audit his report, he would welcome that.

A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Judy to pay Dale for the Optimist of the Year award (\$42) and for internet (\$65). All voted aye.

An expense report of the Optimist 35th Anniversary dinner was reviewed.

A check remains for SPY to pick up for the can kennel. Judy will contact Denise Wilson for a speaking slot in November and ask that youth tell about their trip.

Potential new members were discussed and Judy stated she will encourage members to make contacts of the potentials discussed.

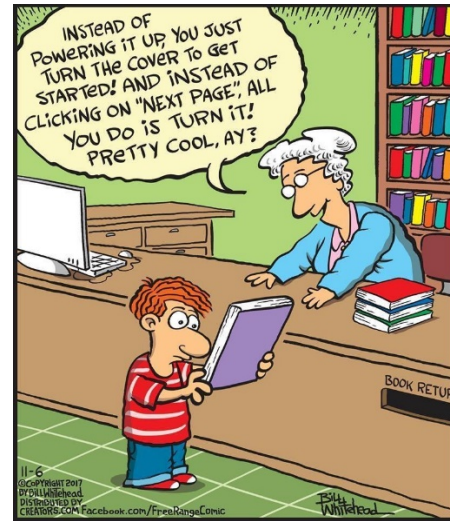
There is a need for a new JOII Club adult leader. The group now meets on the first and third Wed. at 2 PM when school is dismissed and this is not working for Jordan with his work. A couple people were discussed. Bill is open to ideas from all.

The can kennel applications are due from organizations Dec. 1. We will have a board meeting Dec. 7 to discuss and assign.

The consensus was to sponsor two youth for HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) camp. Last year's cost was \$620.

John stated that he, Kelly Grosskurth, Doug Wehring, and Gary Funkhouser will be attending the Community Training Meeting in Des Moines. The story board plan for Treynor, which was displayed at the school, will be brought back from that meeting. He will bring that to an Optimist Club meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Calendar

- | | |
|---------|---|
| Nov. 4 | General Election and School Board Election Day. |
| Nov. 13 | Cub Scout Can Kennel Sorting – 2 PM |
| Dec. 1 | Deadline for Can Kennel Applications |
| Dec. 1 | Community Christmas Event 4:30-7:30 |
| Dec. 7 | Heroes Event – Palace Event Center |

Birthdays

- | | |
|---------|------------------|
| Nov. 8 | Mick Guttau |
| Nov. 18 | Diane Willenborg |
| Nov. 18 | Phil Waggoner |

Anniversaries

- | | |
|--------|---------------------------|
| Nov. 2 | Kirk and Lynell Vorthmann |
| Nov 6 | Kenneth & Linda Graham |
| Nov.22 | John & Carol Klein |
| Nov 25 | Ward & Suzanne Chambers |

Programs

- | | |
|-----|---|
| Nov | Josh Guttau (first two)
Gary Funkhouser (third week)
Judy Guttau (last two) |
| Dec | Jim Clausen |

Speakers

- | | |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Nov. 9 | Josh Guttau, Banking & Cattle? |
| Nov. 16 | Duncan Clark, Card Tricks |
| Nov. 23 | Denise Wilson, SPY kids summer trip |
| Nov. 30 | Kayli Christensen, Treynor grad |

Judy Guttau, Editor, 31107 Dogwood Rd, Treynor, IA 51575
402-670-4330

Dues/Donations/Flag Money: Mail to Optimist Club of Treynor, PO Box 354, Treynor, IA 51575