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Duncan Clark Speaks about 3 topics

Duncan Clark, Treynor High School Junior, spoke on Saturday, November 16 to the Optimists. Duncan is the son of Dan and Julie Clark. Duncan shared a few card tricks and also talked about his family's business, Clark International. In addition, Duncan was asked to speak about a special honor recently received.



Duncan has a repertoire of about 30 main card tricks, from which he can do many, many variations. He is self-taught and developed his interest when a babysitter fascinated him with a trick when he was young. He observed until he could figure it out and then used videos of tricks, which he could slow down, to learn.

Duncan says he enjoys watching people's reactions. He has had a couple gigs including the after-prom parties at Treynor and Millard South. Gary Funkhouser introduced Duncan stating he had shared his skills at a summer prom in Treynor. The nine students who came from Spain to Treynor last summer learned about prom and thought that was a great idea so one was created for them and their teen hosts.



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The Guard Force offers good pay for qualified students who have graduated from high school. They must be able to communicate well under stress and be punctual. Other traits desired are good morals, hard-working and being physically fit. Twelve hours of paid high-level training is required.



The Optimists learned that Erica Schnepel, English teacher, had started a debate team in Treynor this year. Duncan Clark and Ty Kline represented Treynor at their first contest of 22 teams at Millard West – the Millard Gold Debate

L-R: Ty Kline, Duncan Clark

Tournament. The Treynor duo won first place, in spite of two major problems. Duncan knocked out his two front teeth in an accident prior to the contest and got them capped just two hours before competition. In addition, their computers would not work when they arrived so they had to go from their memory and write notes as quickly as possible.

The topic for debate was about shutting down cybersecurity efforts with foreign countries. Duncan stated that most teams spew out many facts and the judges stated they really liked that their team took an ethical vs. economic approach. Being out for speech at school also paid off. Congratulations!!

Next week Denise Wilson and the SPY kids will share about their summer youth mission trip. 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. Sixteen members were present and one guest, Duncan Clark, speaker.

Jokes/stories were shared by Keith Denton, Chad Gutttau, Dale Willenborg, Jordan Campbell, Judy Gutttau and Bill Vorthmann. The group said the

Pledge of Allegiance. Jordan Campbell gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Keith Denton and the Attendance Drawing was won by Chuck Nielsen, but was not claimed.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Dale Willenborg paid \$2 to celebrate his wife Diane's 65th birthday on Monday.

We also observed the 44th Anniversary of John and Carol Klein.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund included: 1) At someone's insistence (☺), Mick and Judy Gutttau paid for being in the news quite a bit this week – Veteran's Day article and Face(s) of the Day regarding the Foundation. 2) Kevin and Marsha Underwood donated to state that they had attended Bailey White's volleyball game at St. Mary's College. 3) Bill Vorthmann donated to state the Veteran's Day program at school was good. 4) Keith Denton announced his son Ross has been offered a better paying with better benefits job by Dallas Johnson Nurseries. He has been the main grower at Lanaha's in Omaha. 5) Chad Gutttau stated he had been interviewed by Time magazine at a political event. 6) Judy Gutttau donated because the Treynor Debate Team won first place in their first year at the Millard West Debate event.

Community News:

Gary Funkhouser announced that there is a Treynor Band Uniform Drive and donations can be sent to TS Community Foundation.

Treynor Community Christmas for the public is from 4:30-7:30 pm on Sunday, Dec. 1 at the Treynor Community Building.

The Legion Bingo Party for Sat., Nov. 16 starts at 6:30 PM.

Old Business:

Bill Vorthmann acknowledged the National Honor Society students for putting up flags for Veteran's Day. There were three students who put them up and three who took down with assistance by the Club. Bill stated that the ground was not frozen, but water was frozen in the openings so there were challenges. The wind and cold presented issues for some of the wire ties which were replaced.

There was continued discussion about the Optimist Oratory and Essay Contests. Gary Funkhouser will check with other clubs about their contests.

New Business:

Kevin Underwood won the football contest.

Gary Gutttau stated there were 1016 redeemable bottles in the Can Kennel this week. He informed the group that most come from Silos as it is less hassle for Silos to bring them to the can kennel then to haul into town. We appreciate their contribution.

The Cub Scouts did not have a lot of helpers for the Can Kennel. Optimists Chad Gutttau, Gary Gutttau and Gary Funkhouser assisted. A better time for parents of Cub Scouts was set by the leader for 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Giving Tuesday, a national event, is Tuesday, Dec. 3. The Optimist Club will participate by having a non-perishable food collection from members at their meeting on Sat., Nov. 30, which will then be donated to the Treynor Food Pantry.

In addition, a motion was made by Chad and Mick Gutttau, seconded by Gary Funkhouser, approved by all, to have the club donate \$500 to a local family with serious medical/financial needs. The check will be made to the Treynor Food Pantry to assist with paying for the family's financial needs. The public is invited to contribute to this need.

Bill Vorthmann announced a copy of the Optimist newsletter is now posted weekly by Judy at the Treynor Post Office. He thanked Gary Funkhouser for repairing the lectern.

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

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Calendar

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| Nov. 26 | Cub Scout Can Kennel Sorting – 6:30 PM |
| Nov. 30 | Bring Food for the Treynor Food Pantry to help with Giving Tuesday (Dec. 3) |
| Dec. 1 | Deadline for Can Kennel Applications |

Dec. 1 Community Christmas Event 4:30-7:30 PM
Dec. 7 Heroes Event – Palace Event Center

Programs

Nov Judy Guttau (last two weeks)
Dec Jim Clausen
Jan Keith Denton

Birthdays

Nov. 18 Diane Willenborg
Nov. 18 Phil Waggoner

Speakers

Nov. 23 Denise Wilson, SPY kids summer trip
Nov. 30 Kayli Christensen, Treynor grad

Anniversaries

Nov. 22 John & Carol Klein
Nov. 25 Ward & Suzanne Chambers

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