



Google Program

Dan Harbeke, Head of External Affairs and Public Policy for Google, spoke at the Treynor Optimist's meeting on Sat., March 2. A native of Wheaton, MN he has lived and worked in various states. He worked for fourteen years with transportation policy for Union Pacific and last summer started with Google. He and his wife have two pre-school aged girls.



Self-described as a "Noogler" or New Googler in the business, he shared about the business. Council Bluffs Iowa is the largest data center in the world among the existing eight. It was built 10 years ago. Google announced they are investing \$13 B to develop five more data centers to build compute capacity. Iowa is a good location because of

the availability of land, an excellent work force, and accessibility to infrastructure resources.

Google offers eight products which include YouTube, Maps, Gmail, Chrome, Search, Drive, Android, and AdSense.

There are 400 employees at Google plus a large number of temporary vendors and consultants. Employees are either Hardware Operators performing technology skills or Data Center Operators performing maintenance of the building and equipment. Security is extremely tight utilizing retinal scans, detectors, secure doors and more. Beginning salaries are disclosed as being in the \$40,000-\$80,000 range.

"Grow with Google" is coming in April to Council Bluffs and will combine Google representatives with state legislators to provide resources to the local library which can then be checked out by job

seekers and people wanting to improve digital skills.

"Impact Challenge" is a new grant program for Iowa provided by Google. It will be similar to Illinois in which \$1M was invested and made available in ten - \$100,000 grants. Celebrity judges will pick the recipients.

Google has given \$1.5 million to the Council Bluffs school (a program called BLINK) to develop computer skills in students. They also financially support non-profit organizations in Council Bluffs to educate children in technology. He stated that many schools in Iowa lack computer science classes and the need is going to be great for jobs in the future.

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Fourteen members were present.

Dee Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser and Dale Willenborg shared jokes followed by the group saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 award and Jerry Hempel won the attendance drawing. There were no anniversaries or birthdays observed.

Bragging Rights contributions to the Youth Fund: Kevin Underwood and Marsha Underwood donated \$5 each because Bailey White made All District Basketball, KMA All Star, the Treynor Girls BB are in the finals at State, the Boys BB had a great season and Connor Sudmann was the highest scorer in history in this class since going to five classes. Chad Gutttau donated because he has been spending time in Des Moines and has met several Catholic bishops. Jim Clausen donated also for the outstanding Boys BB season. Judy Gutttau donated for all of the above.

A total of \$2643.20 in Can Kennel checks were picked up today by the following: National Honor

Society, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Treynor Music Boosters.

Alora Nowlan received the check for the National Honor Society and stated the money would be used to help with dues and induction fees and costs. The NHS raises funds for the American Cancer Society.



L-R: **Alora Nowlan, Dale Willenborg**

Alora Nowlan is also the JOII Club President and shared activities the JOII Club are involved in: the winter clothing drive, Super Bowl drive, helping with the Pheasants Forever banquet, and helping with a fleece blanket tying project led by TS Bank for Children's Square.

The Boy Scouts shared that their money will be used for badges and camps. Recently it was too cold to camp out so they had a "whimp-out" but had fun because they were inside and could use electronics.



Boy Scouts and Dale Willenborg

Jeff Schoening, 31 year band director at Treynor High School, received the Band Boosters check which goes into their general fund to help with scholarships, music clinics, new instruments, and the purchase of music. He stated that soon there will be the need for a band uniform fundraising campaign.



L-R: **Jeff Schoening, Dale Willenborg**

Cindy Biedermann received the can kennel check for the Cub Scouts. She stated that the money is used for the general fund, the pinewood derby cars, handbooks, etc. The Blue and Gold Banquet is in April. They are 18 members strong and hope to build in size. She said a new group was started called "Lions" for kindergarten boys.



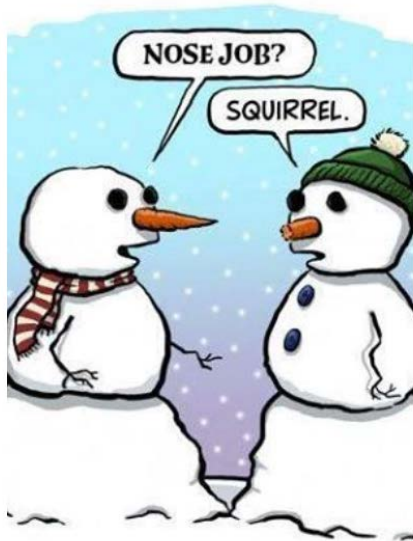
L-R: **Cindy Biedermann, Dale Willenborg**

Gary Funkhouser announced the winners of the local Optimist essay contest: Clarissa Weitzel – first, Sarah Gann –second, Adrienne Suglia - third. The first place winner will present at the Optimist Youth Appreciation event Sun., Apr 28.

Gary Funkhouser also shared concerns about the Iowa House Education Committee bill that was signed to allow funds for colloquial school students and home schoolers which will allow \$6000/pupil to be paid.

There will be a board meeting after the meeting next week. The speaker will be Kim Barents, high school volleyball coach.

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



- Mar. 23 CB Optimist Club 60th Anniv plus Opt. Intn Pres. Visit plus Awards. Exec. Mtg at 3 PM
Dinner at 6:45 PM
- Mar. 30 Safety Capstone Public Meeting (Treydor Visioning Group)
- Apr. 6 Safety Capstone Public Meeting (Treydor Visioning Group)
- Apr. 6 Treydor Athletic Booster Bash
- Apr. 28 Optimist Youth Appreciation Event

Birthdays

- Mar. 11 Ken Graham

Anniversaries

- Mar. 4 Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar. 8 Keith & Georgia Denton

Programs

- March Chad Guttau
- April John Klein
- May Gary Funkhouser

Speakers

- March 9 Kim Barents, Treydor Varsity Volleyball Coach
- March 16 Tony Tauke, Pott Co. Foundation

Calendar

- Mar. 15 Grade K,1,2 After School Dance
Elem Gym. 3:30 – 5 PM

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