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### Tim Jacob, Cancer Survivor



Tim Jacob spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 29. He grew up in Omaha and has lived in Glenwood for 15 years. He has four children. His wife manages the pharmacy at the Glenwood Resource Center.

Tim is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and oversees and trains leaders in seven congregations in Iowa and North Omaha.

Five years ago, Tim got a physical at age 37. They found he had high cholesterol. He worked hard to lower it and found he was losing weight. Then he started losing a lot of weight. Then he started getting stomach pains.

The doctor thought it could be gall stones. He sent Tim for an ultrasound and when they got to his liver, they rushed him to get a cat scan. They found he had liver problems and stage 4 colon cancer. He also had a tumor on his liver that was just under 12 cm.

The main concern was the liver, since there wasn't enough good liver for survival. However, the doctor said they "didn't need a miracle yet."

Tim had four chemo treatments, every other week for four hours, and the tumor shrunk a lot. A second set of four treatments and it didn't shrink. The tumor board decided he was not a good candidate for surgery, since the tumor was next to a major blood vessel. They said it was inoperable and gave him 2½ years to live.

The doctor started checking with other cancer centers to see if they could do the surgery. In the meantime, Tim decided to fast and pray, along

with family, friends, and other church members. Fasting consisted of not eating for two meals.

The next Monday he got a call from New York that they wanted to do the surgery since Tim was young and healthy. They took out 60% of his liver, a foot of colon, and his gall bladder. He spent two weeks in the hospital.

After the surgery his bile duct was blocked. He would need another surgery to reroute his bile duct in 6-8 weeks. In the meantime, he went home with a tube in his chest.

Six weeks later he went back for a complication free surgery. He had six months of chemo, then had surgery for several spots on his lungs. Then six more months of chemo. Now he has been off chemo for a year and free of cancer for 18 months. He has had 39 rounds of chemo.

Now he tries to stay away from fats. His liver has grown back to full size. He still has to go back to New York next month for another scan.

Tim was selling corporate sponsorships for the Storm Chasers. He is not working for them now since their season has been cancelled. He hopes to get back next year.

### Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Fourteen members and one guest were present. Bill Vorthmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Guttan gave the opening prayer.

Bill Vorthmann gave facts about this day in history. Hurricane Katrina was a large Category 5 Atlantic hurricane which caused over 1,800 deaths and \$125 billion in damage in August 2005, particularly in the city of New Orleans and the surrounding areas. It was at the time the costliest tropical cyclone on record.

Jim Clausen, Keith Denton, Dale Willenborg, and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

Gary Funkhouser celebrated his 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He met his wife, Julia, in college.

## 2020 HUMOR



Gary Funkhouser won the 50/50 drawing. Jeff Jorgensen won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

Keith Denton said his wife, Georgia, is progressing. Her first surgery went well, but there was a complication, requiring a second surgery three weeks later. She walks with a walker now.

We still have not heard when the Glenwood Resource Center will begin accepting cans again.

**Bragging Rights:** (\$ to fund youth activities)

None

**Business:** Treynor has its first football game tonight against Clarinda.

**Board Meeting:** There was a board meeting August 29 after the club meeting. Bill Vorthmann, Gary Gutttau, Dale Willenborg, and John Klein attended.

Dues will be \$75 again this year. The JOI club elected officers last year, but haven't organized yet this year.

Dennis White has ordered dictionaries.

The club will plan a supper at Silos to celebrate completion of another year - probably schedule for the end of October.

We discussed getting the community groups together in Treynor to discuss group projects. This will be scheduled for the end of January when not much else is going on.

We discussed the possibility of purchasing a Smart TV for the front of the Legion Room. The club will need to check prices and get Legion permission before going forward with the possible project.

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

### Calendar

Sept 5 – Put up flags for Labor Day after meeting  
Sept 19 – Take down flags after Homecoming

### Birthdays

Sept. 1 Josh Gutttau  
Sept. 16 John Klein  
Sept. 22 Dee Gutttau

### Anniversaries

Sept. 24 Phil and Jan Waggoner  
Sept. 26 Bill and Ann Vorthmann

### Programs

September - Jordan Campbell  
October - Bill Vorthmann  
November - Jerry Hempel  
December 6, 13 -Ken Graham  
December 19, 26- Chad Gutttau

### Speakers

Sept. 5 – No Speaker – Start on flags early.  
Sept. 12 – Joe Chapman – Treynor Girls BB coach and owner of Cattle Drive food truck  
Sept. 19 – Larry McKern and Megan Hastie (Tastee Treat owners)  
Sept. 26 - TBA

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