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### Ryan Hempel, Speaker



Ryan Hempel spoke at the Treynor Optimist Club on November 14 and was introduced by his dad, Jerry. A 2013 Treynor grad, Ryan graduated in Mechanical Engineering from ISU in 2017. He stated that ISU has one of

the largest Career Fairs in the nation and while standing in a long line to visit one company, another nearby company invited him to visit – Specialized Engineering Solutions (SES), Omaha. He accepted a student internship and continues to work there.

SES designs HVAC, electrical, sprinklers, telecommunications, and basically anything inside a building that you don't see. Most of their market deals with health care including the big players in Omaha – Methodist, CHI, and UNMC. They are also spreading out to schools, churches, and community centers.

When the pandemic started, Ryan stated they would work at the medical centers on weekends and 3-4 days of the week converting patient wings to handle covid patients. They design areas to have negative air pressure and not allow air to circulate to other areas.

They are putting technology into various health care buildings that will kill viruses through the HVAC system. He stated that in NE there are some schools picking up on the same thing.

Some buildings need tweaking – perhaps adding more vents which isn't always an easy solution.

Business has increased tremendously for their service, and it is anticipated that the business will triple in the upcoming year.

SES designs the plan and contractors bid to build. SES follows up to make sure everything is correct.

There was much discussion about ultraviolet rays (UV's). Businesses are increasingly asking for this. Designed into a building, it can take .5 sec to kill the virus.

Ryan doesn't recommend UV wands for personal use as they don't have high enough intensity. There are relatively low cost systems at this time that can be installed in home furnaces.

The business employs 90 employees with four total offices including headquarters in Omaha. Patrick Vorthmann, a 2013 Treynor grad, also works there.

Ryan enjoys his work and sees himself staying at Specialized Engineering Solutions for a career.

### Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, club president, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were seventeen members (including 3 virtually) plus Ryan Hempel (speaker) and four Boy Scouts.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Chad Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Bill Vorthmann, and Keith Denton provided humor.

Jim Clausen won the 50/50 drawing and Marsha Underwood won the attendance drawing.

**Bragging Rights:** (\$ to fund youth activities) Kevin Underwood thanked Gary Funkhouser for baking his dough into cookies for the JOI project. Dale Willenborg paid to thank John Klein for finding Dale's keys in the parking lot and driving them to his house.

**Birthday:** None

**Anniversary:** Ken Graham announced his 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Can Kennel:** John Klein and Gary Gutttau helped with the sorting for the Boy Scouts.



The Boy Scouts were present to receive their last year's check of \$736 from Dale Willenborg on the right. Leader Robert Engel, left, was present with his two sons, Stanley and Henry, plus Cole Simmons.

**Club dinner:**

The Club will hold a get together dinner at Silo's on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Contact Bill Vorthmann if you would like to attend. If there are under 25, the group will order from the menu.

**Other business:**

The hat was passed to collect for the "Shop with a Sherriff" program.

**HUMOR**

A boy was at the barber for the first time, and the barber asked him how he wanted his hair cut. "Just like Daddy's," he replied. "And be sure to leave the little round hole on the top where his head comes through."

**Calendar**

Nov 18 – Treynor Optimist Dinner, Silo's, 7 PM

**Birthdays**

Nov 18 – Phil Waggoner

Nov 18 – Dianne Willenborg

**Anniversaries**

Nov 22 – John & Carol Klein

**Programs**

November - Jerry Hempel

December 6, 13 - Ken Graham

December 19, 26 - Chad Gutttau

**2021**

January - Keith Denton

February - Gary Funkhouser

March - Chad Gutttau

April – Phil Waggoner/Matt Saar

May -

June -

July - Kirk Vorthmann / Doug Dillivan

August - Bill Vorthmann

September -

October - John Klein

November - Jerry Hempel

December – Mick Gutttau

**Speakers**

Nov 21- Jeff Casey

Nov 28- Meeting, but no Speaker

Dec 5 - Travis Graham, Treynor HS Speech Improv

Coach

Dec 12 –

Dec 19 - Jeanette Pavkov, Perfectly Crafted

Dec 26 –

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