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Cheryl Clark Speaks Today

Cheryl Clark, VP of Resource Development at Children's Square in Council Bluffs, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on Saturday, February 1 at the Treynor Community Building. Her family roots are from the Dunlap, Woodbine, Denison area.



Clark has worked at Children's Square for seven months in fundraising, marketing and community relations, following a similar job with the Omaha Salvation Army. Her first career was in financial advisory services with a Wall Street firm in various states around the country. Cheryl stated: "There is no place that has the same values as the Midwest."

Clark shared the rich history of Children's Square, describing first the Great Flood on the Missouri River in 1881, which resulted in typhoid fever, hunger, and homelessness. As a result, Rev. Lemon started Children's Square as a way to help families. At first it served as an orphanage and adoption agency. A father of three lost his wife to illness and brought his three children to Rev. Lemon.

In the 70's to help with societal changes, Children's Square ramped up programs to focus on solutions. Today there are nine programs focusing on educational services, child welfare and emergency services, and behavioral health.

Some interesting facts: Children's Square helps children from infants to age 21. 25% of the children range from ages 8-10, and 25% are young teens. 80% of the kids come from one-parent families. Approximately 1000 children are cared for daily, with a large percentage coming from Pottawattamie, Harrison and Mills Cos. The average child stay is six months, some for two years. The school on campus is certified and runs under the CB Public Schools.

Children's Square is a unique agency in the U.S. It is a therapeutic model, not a disciplinary or boot camp model. The cottages, led by a house parent, are locked to keep people from coming in, but the children, although supervised, can leave.

Medicaid in Iowa reimburses Children's Square \$207/day for each child, which is the lowest rate in the nation. (Nebraska is 40% higher.) The need is greater than that. Thus, Clark's role is to encourage visits with legislators and to seek funding from outside sources and donors. She handed out their current needs lists which includes clothes especially for teens, legislative coffees schedule, and legislator contact info. Please contact Cheryl Clark. at 712.322.3700 for more information.



Clark presented a gift to the Optimist Club for the community, which is a book about the history of Pott Co. and Council Bluffs, written by Bill Ramsey and Betty Schrier.

L-R Bill Vorthmann, Cheryl Clark

Next week's speaker will be Travis Castle, speaking about the Fitness Center and Vison Treynor. Join us from 8-9 AM on Saturday at the Treynor Community Building. All are welcome!

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Sixteen members were present and one guest, Cheryl Clark.



L-R: Bill Vorthmann, Doug Dillivan, Kirk Vorthmann

President Bill Vorthmann presented Doug Dillivan with his new member certificate. Kirk Vorthmann is his sponsor. Welcome, Doug!

Jokes/stories were shared by Gary Funkhouser, Dale Willenborg, Keith Denton, and Bill Vorthmann. Gary Guttau shared an unusual hairball found in a cow's rumen. The group said the Pledge of Allegiance. Dale Willenborg gave the opening prayer.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Bill Vorthmann, and the Attendance Drawing was won by Judy Guttau

Birthdays/Anniversaries: There were no birthdays or anniversaries celebrated.

Bragging Rights:

1) Kevin Underwood and Marsha Underwood each contributed \$1 for Carter White making the St. Albert varsity basketball team. 2) Judy Guttau contributed because of the excellent Treynor varsity boys and girls' basketball wins over Tri-Center on Tuesday. 3) Keith Denton contributed to share a story. 4) Kirk Vorthmann donated to share that his granddaughter, Ashlyn Vorthmann, goes to state in the Group Speech Contest.

Community News:

John Klein stated that the Jazz Band and Ensemble Group perform today at Lewis Central for ratings.

Gary Funkhouser stated that KMA announced that Riverside had the highest rating in SWI for their elementary rating K-3: score 62.84. He stated Treynor was close behind with a score of 62.83 and the evaluation was for K-5.

Caucuses are Monday, Feb. 3 in Iowa. Treynor town residents: Democrats meet in the Elem Gym. Republicans meet at the High School. Rural residents need to check with their voting locations.

The Nonpareil/World Herald was sold to a company that owns the Sioux City Journal.

Old Business:

It was stated the application for the fundraising opportunity for the Treynor Optimists in conjunction with Ford Motors (McMullen Ford) was accepted. The date of June 27 during

Judy Guttau, judy.guttau@tsbg.com, 402-670-4330

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

Treynor Days was indicated. Further details will be discussed.

New Business:

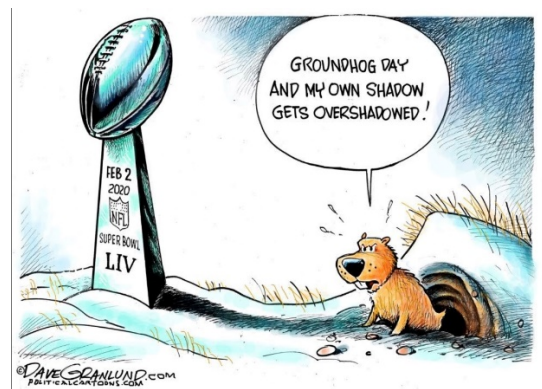
Studio 7 Dance Team will meet this Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 4:00 to sort cans at the Can Kennel.

The Optimists will join the Jr. Treynor Women in sponsoring an Elder Abuse Seminar later in April.

There will be a Board Meeting after the regular meeting next Saturday.

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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| Feb. 5 | Can Kennel – Studio 7, 4 PM |
| Feb. 15 | Regional Optimist Conference - Greenfield 10 am – 3 pm, Hotel Greenfield |

Birthdays

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| Feb. 13 | Gary Funkhouser |
| Feb. 25 | Lou Howell |

Anniversaries

Programs

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| Feb. | Gary Funkhouser |
| Mar. | Gary Guttau |
| Apr. | Jeff Jorgensen (first two) Matt Saar (last two) |

Speakers

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| Feb. 8 | Travis Castle, Fitness Center and Vision Treynor Update |
| Feb. 15 | To be announced |
| Feb. 22 | Scott Wallace, new baseball coach |
| Feb. 29 | To be announced |