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### Steve Chain, IWCC Professor, Speaker

Steve Chain, a Business Professor at Iowa Western Community College (IWCC) in Council Bluffs, focused his speech on the IWCC. How he grew up on the gulf coast of Mississippi, went to college in MI and TN, met his wife in CA, worked for General Electric in Chicago



L.-R.: Dale Willenborg, Steve Chain

for 23 years, and ended up in CB was an interesting story. He has taught at IWCC for seven years and also helps with spring/summer maintenance work. He and his wife have four grown sons.

The state is divided into 15 community college districts. IWCC was founded in 1966. Satellite campuses are located in Atlantic, Harlan, and Shenandoah.

There have been four IWCC Presidents. The last President who retired in 2019 was Dan Kenney and the new President is Dan Kenney, his son.

Power point pictures were shown of many of the great buildings on the 250 acres campus:

- Arts Center – holds about 700 people. Professional and collegiate performances take place there. Some are free.
- Wellness Center – opened in 2020. There is no cost to employees, spouses, and students. There is an indoor facility for teams to practice year-round.
- Student Center – the main floor is the cafeteria. The top floor is a cyber library – no books.
- Kinney Hall – houses classes for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)
- Dorms
- Football and Wrestling Building- New

There is a radio station that serves the metro area. Air Force ROTC is offered in agreement with UNO.

RIEVERS is the mascot and stands for River Pirates. Almost all sports are offered for men and women with

the most recent added being shot gun sports. The cheerleading team is of national level caliber and the dance team is known as the Saffires. Since 2006 there have been eight national championships in sports.

Current enrollment is 5100 students with 43,000 people engaged in some way with education. There are 84 career options within these 7 main areas: Business, Communication and Fine Arts, General Studies, Health, Industrial Technology, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and STEM. Chain stated that four out of the top ten jobs in the future will be health related. Also there will be high demand for workers with skills not requiring a 4 year college degree.

Chain explained the Early College Academy which has allowed high school students their Jr and Sr year to attend IWCC and when they graduate from HS they have their high school diploma as well as their 2 year associates degree.

Summer camps at IWCC are an opportunity for kids not in college to experience a week of subjects – computer programming, robotics, welding, etc.

Currently an Iowa resident can attend IWCC for \$6120/yr.

Next week's speaker will be announced this week.

**“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence”**

**Helen Keller**

### Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, club President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were 14 members and 1 guest, Steve Chain. Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mick Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser and Mick Gutttau provided humor. Dennis White won the 50/50 drawing (Again!). Shelly Bailey won the attendance drawing, but was not present to collect.

Steve Irvin's birthday was observed. Our speaker contributed \$2 to announce his 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary next weekend.

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

Marsha Underwood paid to state she will begin volunteering in oncology at Jennie Ed. Judy Gutttau donated to state that she and Mick attended the CB Optimist Respect the Law breakfast in CB Thursday. Bill Vorthmann announced the graduation of his granddaughter Kaylee. Gary Gutttau contributed to salute Treynor teacher Jane Leick for receiving the Lakin High School Teacher Award. Dale Willenborg contributed to state all flyers were put out about flags last Saturday by him, Jordan Campbell and his two sons, Ken Graham, Bill Vorthmann, and Jim Clausen. Gary Gutttau also contributed to share that Ken and Shirley Koehler have moved to Risen Son and that they had moved here in 1972 from Omaha. Chad Gutttau contributed to announce that the Iowa Legislature hopes to be done with session this week and that he met with our Treynor city manager about the 5 point McClintock plan for communities.

**Old/New Business:** The following helped with the Can Kennel sorting this week and some enjoyed pizza afterwards at Silos: Jordan Campbell, John Klein, Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Bill Vorthmann.

Dale Willenborg reported the new flags have arrived and he will attach them to the poles.

Gary Gutttau reported that 70 flags have been paid for this week as a result of the flyers being distributed.

Dale Willenborg reported that there were many awards given at the Awards Ceremony this week. Our Optimist Club paid for \$7000 worth of scholarships given to 14 students. He will provide a list on the web site and bring to next week's meeting.

**Community:** Mick Gutttau announced that next Sunday, May 23, the National Veterans Motorcycle Ride will be coming through Council Bluffs enroute to gather in DC the next weekend. There will be a brief ceremony at Bayliss Park, and Mick has been asked to give a brief speech at a program that starts at 11 AM. The public is invited.

Mick also shared that today is 5-15-21 Zip Code Day celebration in Avoca - the only date that is the same as their zip code and they are celebrating!

John Klein announced that there is one available free plot in the Treynor Community Gardens. Please contact John Klein at [iowakleins@gmail.com](mailto:iowakleins@gmail.com) if interested.

It was announced that there is a Treynor High School Musical, Sisters Act, Jr. being performed next weekend: Sat., May 22 11 AM and Sun., May 23 at 1 PM. Contact the school for tickets and more info.

**Auction:** Dee Gutttau donated asparagus, purchased by Judy Gutttau, and two tomato plants, purchased by John Klein.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

**HUMOR**

**I went to the doctor about my sort-term memory problems. He made me pay in advance.**

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**Calendar**

May 29 Flags will be put up for Memorial Day

**Birthdays**

May 21 Steve Irvin

May 22 Kirk Vorthmann

**Anniversaries**

**Programs**

May Dale Willenborg & Judy Gutttau  
June Dale Willenborg & Judy Gutttau  
July Kirk Vorthmann (first two)  
Doug Dillivan (last two)

**Speakers**

May 22 TBA  
May 29 Stan Latta, Chaplain Good News Jail & Prison Ministry  
June 5 Melanie Schuler -Spanish teacher  
June 12 Gary Spooner, Experiences in Romania  
June 19 Lori McGoldrick  
June 26 Aaron Terry, Ass't FB Coach IWCC

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