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Dale Willenborg, Speaker

Dale Willenborg gave us a good lesson in genealogy. As a member of the Latter Day Saints Church he has free access to Ancestry.com. It is available to others for an annual subscription. He also said that www.familysearch.org has lots of free information plus www.newspaper.com also has lots of information.



Dale Willenborg

Dale searched a few of the members present today to share what can be found: Jim Clausen, Judy Gutttau, Mick Gutttau, and Dale Willenborg. Some information that can be found is: business address, previous home addresses as well as current address, marriage records, birth dates, death dates, pictures of tombstones (and sometimes the plot), pictures from year books and other pictures, plus listing of times you've been in the newspaper. From a person's name, you can access their spouse, parents, sibling information.

Dale stated that the pictures on these sites come from volunteers – boy scouts, members of LDS church, and just interested people. Dale stated that Germany has kept very good records of their citizens.

From draft records you can learn height, weight, hair and eye color. Census records through the years can be accessed. Dale stated he has been able to go back to 1420 to his grandmother's mother's side.

If you Google on Root's Magic, you can learn more about who you are related to. It also will show locations where there are relatives of yours. Dale has 70 first cousins and has met all of them.

He likes tapping on an address and learning who has lived there before. Dale says he spends 5 hours a week on just his family history and has done that for two years. He had hoped to finish a year ago. He saves the info he finds in "Notes".

Next week's speaker will be Stan Latta, Chaplain, Pottawattamie County Jail and Prison Ministry.

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined.”

Thoreau

Meeting Minutes

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

Gary Gutttau and Keith Denton provided humor. Dale Willenborg won the 50/50 drawing. Ann Vorthmann won the attendance drawing, but was not present to collect.

No birthdays or anniversaries were celebrated.

Bragging Rights: (\$ to fund youth activities)

Dee Gutttau announced that they had traveled to Olathe, KS yesterday to celebrate grandson, Owen Wells, 17th birthday. Jim Clausen donated because Treynor won first and second in the 400 hurdles in the state track meet and there is a big story in the Nonpareil. Keith Denton stated his granddaughter is in track and was beaten by .1 second. Ken Graham announced his nephew had won shot and discus in the Nebraska state meet. His discus throw was 180 ft. He has a scholarship to go to Midlands. Marsha Underwood donated to state it has been 9 years since she had her aneurism and this year is her 50th class reunion. Jim Clausen announced the Treynor Alumni Banquet will be held at Silos on June 5th. He said it is his 60th year class reunion.

Old/New Business: Can Kennel sorting will be after school this Wed. at 2:15 PM to help the St. Paul Youth group.

Dale Willenborg reported 115 flags have been paid for and 15 more checks were turned in today. Gary Funkhouser offered to dig holes for new flag holders on Terrel St. this week.

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: Judy announced the National Veterans Motorcycle Ride which was to be tomorrow was cancelled.

After the meeting next Saturday we will put up flags for Memorial Day. Bill Vorthmann is taking the lead. We will have our speaker only with no business meeting. We should be able to head out by 8:45 AM.

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

Optimist Scholarship Winners

Devin Vorthmann, Malloy Helvie, Anna Elaine Halverson, Mia Nichols, Blake Sadr, Hailee Poland, Stella Umphreys, Kaylee Dyke, Livia K. White, Luca Vacanti, Callie Copperstone, Aubrey Pierce

JOI Club Scholarship Winners

Emma Ehmke, Elizabeth Nowlin

We have given out \$62,100 in scholarships from flags since 2010.

HUMOR

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say: "close enough."

Calendar

May 29 Flags will be put up for Memorial Day

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs

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

Speakers

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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