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Dave Eldridge – Woodman Life



Today's speaker was Dave Eldridge, Field Representative and Trainer for 30 years, for Woodman Life. Dave grew up on a farm near Rockwell City and now lives in this area.

Woodman Life strives to have a presence with smaller communities and since it was founded in 1890 has been a not-for-profit organization, owned by the membership and has a dual mission. Woodman Life also sell life insurance, annuities, and various investments. They take a conservative approach with investments and help members who are facing hardships and give back to the communities that they represent.

Examples of giving back and helping members are providing student scholarships ranging from \$500-\$25,000 which can be used for college or tech schools. Woodman Life also offers a loan relief program for members with college graduates. They help by paying \$10,000 for burying a new-born baby. They also help in very big ways with child and college expenses for families who have lost their parents.

Woodman Life has 11 billion in assets and 39 billion in life insurance. Perks for membership include discounts to over 30,000 retailers. Halloween parties, bowling events, and fun events are planned for families around the U.S. Recently nearly 700 people (member families) in Iowa could attend Adventureland for \$15 per person, which included food, backpacks, t shirts, and freebies.

The Woodman Life building in Omaha is owned by members and is the second tallest building between Chicago and Denver. It is also home on the top of the peregrine falcons that roost there.

The Treynor Optimists were recipients of 3 free flags today provided by Woodman Life. We have received many flags from them in the past. In the US Woodman Life has provided 3.5 million US flags throughout the US. They also present religious flags.



L-R: Dave Eldridge, Dale Willenborg

Next week's speaker will be Chris McClain, who organizes bike riding events in the area.

**"One today is worth two tomorrows."
Benjamin Franklin**

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building. Present were 15 members and two guests: Lucas Vacanti and Dave Eldridge. Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer.

Marsha Underwood won the 50/50 drawing. Mick Guttau won the attendance drawing but was not present.

No birthdays or anniversaries were observed.

Bragging Rights: (\$ are used for youth activities)

- Marsha Underwood and Kevin Underwood each contributed to announce that St. Albert Baseball Team is going to state.
- Dee Gutttau and Judy Gutttau donated to thank and state that Mick Gutttau had returned on this day 50 years ago from Vietnam.
- Gary Funkhouser contributed to thank Jim Clausen for the wonderful tree in his yard which shades their yard!

BUSINESS:

Scholarships:



L-R: Lucas Vacanti, Dale Willenborg

Lucas Vacanti was present to receive his \$500 Optimist Scholarship. Lucas stated he will attend the University of Iowa and study Infomatics for Arts, which includes computer science, the arts and 3D modeling. Best wishes, Lucas!

Can Kennel Sorting: A large group helped with the Cub Scouts sorting of cans, and the chore was completed in less than an hour. Thanks to

the helpers and also the community for donating so many cans!

Flags: 182 flags have been put up.

Westfair: Volunteers to help with gates at WestFair on Thursday, July 29 are:

Noon-3 PM: Phil Waggoner, Gary Gutttau

3 Pm – 6 PM: Kirk Vorthmann, Dale Willenborg

The meeting was closed with the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR

Seen on a door: "Please ring the bell. If no one answers, pull weeds."

Seen on another door: "Doorbell broken. Yell 'Ding Dong' really loud."

Calendar

July 29 Westfair gate volunteers

Birthdays

July 27 Jim Clausen

Aug 11 Chad Gutttau

Aug 23 Judy Gutttau

Anniversaries

Aug 5 Josh & Shelly Gutttau

Aug 13 Jerry & Barb Hempel

Aug 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

Programs

July 31 Dale Willenborg

Aug Bill Vorthmann

Speakers

July 31 Chris McQueen, bicycling enthusiast

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