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Jane Leick, Teacher, Spoke



Jane Leick, recipient of the Lakin Outstanding Teacher Award this spring, spoke today. Jane, raised in Sidney, has taught for twenty years and is in her 13th year at Treynor.

Leick played basketball two years at Simpson and then was a student coaching assistant for two years. She attended graduate school in AZ studying Athletic Training. She did not want to be a teacher, but because of a major teacher shortage she did accept a position as a trainer and then as a teacher. She said, "Oh, my gosh!" She loved it! She's been a science, phys ed teacher and/or coach ever since.

Jane's Master's Degree allows her students to earn college credits through IWCC in three classes she is teaching this year – human biology, sports medicine (a one semester class taught every other year), and anatomy and physiology. This year she is also teaching health.

Mrs. Leick enjoys the students at Treynor. Her students tell her she is rigorous and tough, but she believes students rise to the level you expect! She said some struggle at the beginning, but she gives them tools for learning and tangible experiences. Students do lots of projects and text studying to pull it all together.

The first semester in anatomy and physiology Jane tells students they will impress their families with the fancy terms for the basics of the skeletal system. Examples of tangible learning: They create a 4-5 ft. skeleton out of bones they've learned.



In second semester students learn about the joints and muscles. They create a string art project of the human body front and back locating these with different colored strings.

The students choose an injury of someone they know, such as a slipped disk, torn meniscus to research what is involved to repair the muscles, joints, or bones involved. Learning about what is happening in the body also applies to the strengthening and conditioning program at Treynor, which 90% of the students participate in.

The Lakin award was \$10,000 for her personal use and \$2500 to the school, which she was allowed to use for her department. She had the seniors do the research for what could be purchased to assist with increased learning. A model torso with organs that can be removed and 3-D models of neurons, brain, and muscles were purchased. A 3-D heart model was donated by the American Heart Association.

Jane is married to Tony Leick, a Pott. Co. Sherriff Department Investigator. They have two daughters, one in 2nd and one in 3rd grade. Congratulations, Mrs. Leick!

Next week's speaker will be Steve Owens, new Regional Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The public is invited to attend all meetings. The coffee is always on. Gary Funkhouser coins our club as "The best informed club in Treynor!"

"Never let the fear of striking out get in your way." Babe Ruth

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, club President, called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Building on Sept. 11. Present were 15 members and three guests, Jane Leick, Dale and Barb Robertson. Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mick Guttau gave the opening prayer. Dale Willenborg, Gary Funkhouser, Mick Guttau and Gary Guttau provided humor.

Kirk Vorthmann won the 50/50 drawing. Steve Chambers won the attendance drawing, but did not collect.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: It was noted this was the 20th Anniversary of 9/11.

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

- John Klein attended his 51st (1970) Class reunion at Grand Valley HS, Grand River. 17 of 29 surviving members attended.
- John also stated that 60 kids attended the Cardinal Core Punt, Pass, Kick contest.
- Dale Willenborg announced his parents 70th Anniversary this day.
- Ken Graham enjoyed Jerry Lewis and the Play Boys at the Arts Center at IWCC.
- Kevin Underwood survived a large tree falling on him that only caused a 6-8" scratch on his back.
- Kirk Vorthmann shared a cute story about his grandson, Kale and his date.
- Mick and Judy Guttau were happy to be back and shared about visiting Bob & Janice Gronstal and Mick's VHPA reunion.
- Shelly Bailey announced that the President and VP of JOI Club were the Homecoming King and Queen, respectively: Peyton Chapman and Rachel Kinsella.
- Gary Funkhouser donated for the Optimist float that Kirk drove.
- Chad announced the Ribbon Cutting on Friday for The T and he and Jon Jacobsen walking in the Treynor Homecoming parade.
- Gary Guttau told about a scam call received.

COMMUNITY:

Former Treynor Mayor Ken Koehler passed and a Celebration of Life will be held on Oct. 1 at Zion Congregational Church.

BUSINESS:

Can Kennel Sorting: Sorting this week will be with Silver Creek 4-H Club on Wednesday.

Treasurer Gary Guttau announced we have reached the \$200,000 mark with proceeds from the Can Kennel to date which is used to support youth. It was suggested that John Klein prepare a press release for the Nonpareil and announcement for KMA. It will also be put on social media and the school newsletter.

Other: Flags will be taken down Monday, June 13 at 6 PM (later announced to be 4 PM. Gather at the Treynor Community Building.

There will be a board meeting following next Saturday's meeting.



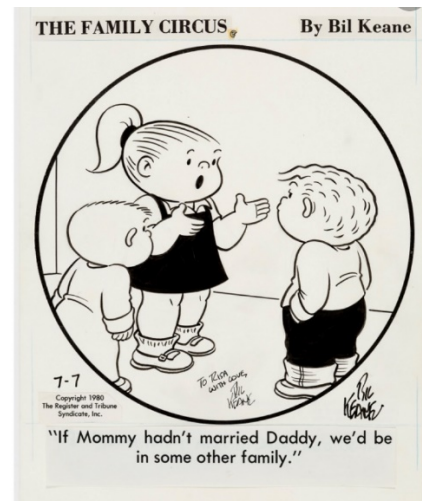
L-R: Barb Robertson, Kevin and Marsha Underwood

Kevin Underwood and Marsha Underwood were presented pins by Barb Robertson for their contributions to the Dime-A-Day participation in the 50th Anniversary Edition of "Helping Optimist Help Kids". The two have participated every year this program has existed. Thank you, Kevin and Marsha!

Dale Robertson shared thoughts about increasing membership and the important role this organization plays in the community.

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

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| Sept 13 | Take down flags |
| Oct 4 | Pot Luck sponsored by Riverside Club
Program: Child Safety |

Birthdays

Sept 16 John Klein
Sept 22 Dee Guttau

Anniversaries

Sept 24 Phil & Jan Waggoner
Sept 26 Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs

Sept Shelly Bailey
Josh Guttau
Oct John Klein
Nov Jerry Hempel

Speakers

Sept 18 Steve Owens, new Regional Director of
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Sept 25 Bryce Warner, Spec. Ed Teacher,
Started Fishing Club for kids
Oct 2 Tim Hamilton, CB Schools, E Sports
Oct 9 Candace Gregory, CEO, Open Door
Mission
Oct 16 Casey Baragary, Treynor Waste Water
Treatment Mgr – On-Site SEWER TOUR
Oct 23 Brenda Mainwaring, CEO, Iowa West
Foundation
Oct 30 Bob Keysor, Army Veteran of Treynor
Missile Base

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