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Duane King, Deaf Missions



Duane King, Founder of Deaf Missions, has a way with words and phrases that engaged us with humor and inspiration in his presentation about ministering to deaf people. The Council Bluffs office of Deaf Missions is the only location for this national/international organization. Duane was

called to the deaf ministry 51 years ago while serving as pastor at the Central Church of Christ in Griswold.

Duane's first question to us was "What is the biggest handicap of all – blindness, deafness, being tall, short, old, young, etc?" He believes the greatest handicap of all is to stand before God on Judgment Day without Jesus Christ as your Savior. Only 2% of deaf people are Christians. He asked, "Why would deaf people go to your church?" They cannot hear. Nine out of ten people born deaf are born to hearing parents. Nine out of ten hearing parents don't learn sign language to communicate with their own kids. Only one out of 100 deaf children have parents who will communicate clearly with them. How many of those parents are Christian?

Bible translation is one of the big things Deaf Missions works on. It took 40 years to translate the Bible into American Sign Language (via video/media) and now they are helping other countries translate the Bible in their sign language. There are hundreds of sign languages and currently Deaf Missions is helping 15-20 countries such as the Phillipines, Maldiva, Japan translate.

Most deaf people graduate with only an average of a 4th grade English level. Half don't read at that level, thus the need for sign language. It doesn't mean they are dumb, but it's really difficult to educate them.

Duane's family includes his wife Peggy and two children. Their daughter, Chris Clausen,

lost her husband 9 years ago and is marrying Martin Cannon January 8. Their son, JD has founded and directs Deaf Child Hope.

Duane demonstrated some simple sign language and indicated the face is so important in conveying the context of the message.

Another important mission of Deaf Missions is translating the JESUS Movie. It was first created 20-30 years ago and has been seen by people around the world. It has been translated into hundreds of spoken languages to introduce people to Jesus. Now it is being translated through Deaf Missions into Sign Language. Even the character playing Jesus uses signs in the movie. A 10 minute pilot of this project can be seen on www.deafmissions.com. Duane said it will touch your heart! The project costs \$4.8MM dollars. The Green Family from Hobby Lobby has contributed half of that money. With other donations, there is \$1MM remaining to be raised. He was sure he came to the Optimist Club today to raise the remainder!

Our next meeting will be Jan. 8 and the speaker will be Beau Saar, Performance 92.

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!"

"A man wrapped up in himself makes a very small package."

Ben Franklin

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 16 members plus Duane King, Payton Chapman, Moran Beekhuizen, Joe and son, Brody Bucher, and Cindy and son, Jonathan Beiderman.

Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mick Guttau gave the opening prayer. Dale

Willenborg, Gary Gutttau, Keith Denton, and Kirk Vorthmann provided humor.

50/50 was won by Ken Graham and Phil Waggoner won the Attendance Drawing; however he was not present.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

We celebrated Kevin Underwood's 62nd birthday.

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

- Jerry Hempel shared that he has a new grandson, Isaac William, born to Ryan and Chaley Hempel this week!
- Mick and Judy Gutttau donated to share about going into the Pott Co. Jail with Good News Jail & Prison Ministry to offer candy, Bibles, and Christmas Cards. There were 30 female inmates and about 300 male inmates.
- Gary Gutttau shared that his electrical power came on late last night. Fortunately they have a generator that ran with power from the tractor since the storm this week.
- Gary also donated because both the girls and boys basketball teams won soundly against IKM last night.
- John Klein stated the "Keep Kids Alive –Drive 25" committee had a special table to educate kids at the basketball game last night and had a computer safety game for participants to play. Prizes were given away.

COMMUNITY:

BUSINESS:



The Cub Scouts sang Christmas carols to the Optimists and even served us hot chocolate and cookies! Thank you!!

The Underwood Optimist Club has invited the Treynor and Riverside Clubs to participate in a tour of the PACE Center in Council Bluffs on Sat., Jan. 15. Breakfast pizza will be served there at 8 AM and the tour will begin at 9 AM. Please indicate if you will plan to attend by Jan. 8. Make your

reservation by contacting Dale Willenborg or Judy Gutttau by Sat. Jan 8. Meet at 7:30 AM on Sat. Jan. 15 in the community building parking lot to share rides.

March 19 will be the date for a Volunteer Awards Event in Treynor sponsored by the Treynor Optimists. It will be held at the Treynor Community Building. Watch for more info.

Can Kennel sorting will be this Monday, December 20 at 4 PM. Optimist members are encouraged to be there as this sorting helps the Optimist Club with miscellaneous expenses.



Payton Chapman and Moran Beekhuizen were present to receive their check for 2 weeks of Keep Kids Alive can kennel of approximately \$594. They shared that they plan to have another Safety Booth at a basketball game and at a wrestling meet this year. They are planning a Mock Crash for this spring.

John Klein shared that Malvern had a bad fire this week destroying the Malvern grocery store which causes issues for many in the community including older folks and those who were employed there. The hat was passed and a total of \$638 was collected for the "Go Fund Malvern" account.

Auction: Keith Denton purchased the fudge/chocolate goodies prepared by Dee Gutttau for \$5.

There will not be meetings on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

- Jan. 8 Reservations due for PACE Event below.
- Jan. 15 PACE Breakfast and Tour starting at 8 AM
Meet in parking lot at 7:30 AM
- Jan. 26 Essays due for Optimist Youth Essay
Contest
- Feb12 Optimist Day. District Conference – Cedar
Rapids (Note this is a corrected date!)
- Feb 28 Club Youth essays due
- March 19 Volunteer Awards Event

Birthdays

Dec 23 Chuck Nielsen

Anniversaries

Dec 27 Dee and Gary Guttau

Programs

Jan Kirk Vorthmann and Doug Dillivan
Feb John Klein

Speakers

Dec 25 No meeting- Merry Christmas
Jan 1 No meeting- Happy New Year
Jan 8 Beau Saar – Performance 92
Jan 15 Tour PACE (old Harvester Bldg) in CB

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