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### Kirk Vorthmann



Due to illness in the family, our speaker Beau Saar from Performance 92 was unable to be with us. Kirk Vorthmann, instead, shared the latest information he knew about Dollar General coming to Treynor. He stated the City of Treynor annexed

200 feet along Highway 92. The Council will vote on Jan. 21 about annexing the rest of their property – the south 2/3's so they can sell off the green area to Dollar General, between the Community Center and Highway 92. He stated it is a process getting all of this done. There is a terrace there and the line will be on the terrace. Water flow is an issue, but he believes the plan is to go down to Hwy 92 and then down to the greater ditch.

Kirk stated that Beau's business is buying and selling antique cars. Our Optimist Club toured one building in the past and now another building is being fixed up. He stated he is able to get semi parts and other parts through Performance 92. He stated Beau's wife teaches in Treynor and they have two daughters. His father is Rocky, who has a trucking business. Beau also fixes tires and has a mechanic. We will hope he can be a speaker in the future.

This all led to further discussion with the group: How these Saars are related to other Saars in Treynor, the Shortline Railroad. Kirk stated he unearthed 20-30 ft chunk of railroad in his field with his equipment which he still has. We also talked about OSHA and the Supreme Court's discussions about mandates.

Our next meeting will be Sat., Jan. 15. We will be joining the Riverside and Underwood Optimists at 8 AM for breakfast and a tour of PACE – Hoff Family Cultural Center.

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!"

**"Life is what we make it. Always has been. Always will be."**

**Grandma Moses**

### Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 12 members plus Lydia White, Henry Engle and Stanley Engle and their father, Robert Engle, and Ryan Wilson.

Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Guttau gave the opening prayer. Dale Willenborg and Jeff Jorgensen provided humor.

50/50 was won by Judy Guttau and Marsha Underwood won the Attendance Drawing.

Cinnamon Rolls from Dee Guttau and Peppermint-frosted Cake from Judy Guttau were served.

Dee Guttau won the Football Bowl pool contest.

### Birthdays/Anniversaries:

We celebrated Dee and Gary Guttau's 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

- Jeff Jorgensen announced he is running for the Pott Co. Board of Supervisors. He stated that Lynn Grobe will not be running and has given his blessing.
- Chad Guttau stated that Jon Jacobsen is hosting an event Sun., Jan. 9 from 1-4 PM at the Treynor Community Building. Free chili and popcorn will be served as well as a movie.
- Kevin Underwood and Marsha Underwood donated to state that Jordan Campbell was a good referee at the St. Alberts/Harlan BB games.

- Gary Guttau donated because both the Treynor girls and boys basketball teams beat Underwood last night.

## COMMUNITY:

## BUSINESS:

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. Eleven indicated they would be attending. Dale sent a follow-up email after the meeting to see if others wanted to attend. 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. Dee Guttau and Kevin Underwood have volunteered to provide cookies for dessert.



**L-R: Livia White, Dale Willenborg**

Livia White was present to receive her \$500 Optimist Scholarship. Livia stated she is attending DMAC and is living in a house with her sister and working two jobs. She hopes to go to Vet School after her two years of DMAC.

Gary Guttau submitted a bill for \$11.91 for bags for the Can Kennel. Optimists helping with the Can Kennel for After Prom last week were Kirk Vorthmann, Bill Vorthmann, Chad Guttau, Gary Guttau, John Klein, Steve Chambers, and Dale Willenborg. Because of many helpers from the After Prom/Jr Class, the job was completed in 45 mins. Good job!



**Henry Engle, Ryan Wilson, Stanley Engle**

These Boy Scouts were present to receive their Can Kennel check for 4 weeks of \$1244.60. The money will be used for their camping experiences. Last year some went to Wyoming to the Buffalo Bill Camp. Some went to Camp Guiger in MO. The Scouts also went to Lake Icaria and Blackhawk Lake.

Robert Ingle, their Scout Master, was asked about legal issues facing Boy Scouts of America, and he shared his thoughts about the future of Scouting.

The Council Bluffs Optimist Club has invited Treynor Optimists and all clubs from Zones 1-4 to a Membership Dinner on **Tuesday, Jan. 25** at Bella Terre Vineyard and Reception Hall. Zone President Mike Hoy has generously offered to cover the cost of food for everyone. This includes 17 different clubs. Members are strongly encouraged to bring guests. The purpose is to help celebrate optimism and to help our membership grow.

We are invited to join in for an evening of fellowship and community support for our youth.

***You must RSVP no later than January 18.***

5-6 PM: Cocktail hour and wine reception

6-8 PM: Dinner and Program. Dinner will be provided by the Classic Café and includes prime rib, stuffed chicken, salad, vegetables, and dessert.

A Silent Auction will also take place during the program.

RSVP by Jan. 18 to Dale Willenborg to turn in or directly to Rachel Schott – [rachel@bellaterre.com](mailto:rachel@bellaterre.com) or 712-521-3100.

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

## HUMOR

How seasons work in the Midwest:

Jan - Cold

Feb - Bitterly Cold

Mar - Potholes from hell

Apr - Cold with Rain

May - 🐛

Jun - Mosquitoes

Jul - instant sweat

Aug - Surface of the sun

Sep - Tiny Black Bugs

Oct - Bonfires

Nov - Winter Preview

Dec - Cold, with decorations

## Calendar

### Events

- Jan. 15 PACE Breakfast and Tour starting at 8 AM  
Meet in parking lot at 7:30 AM
- Jan. 18 RSVP for Free Optimist Dinner at Belle  
Terre on Jan. 25.
- Jan. 25 Free Optimist Dinner for Zones 1-4 at Belle  
Terre
- Jan. 26 Essays due for Optimist Youth Essay  
Contest
- Feb 12 Optimist Day. District Conference – Cedar  
Rapids (Note this is a corrected date!)
- Feb 28 Club Youth essays due
- March 19 Treynor Volunteer Awards Event

### Birthdays

- Jan. 19 Dennis White
- Jan. 23 Doug Dillivan

### Anniversaries

### Programs

- Jan Kirk Vorthmann and Doug Dillivan
- Feb John Klein
- Mar Gary Funkhouser

### Speakers

- Jan 15 Tour PACE (old Harvester Bldg) in CB
- Jan 22 TBA
- Jan 29 TBA

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