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Diane Hathaway Speaks

Diane Hathaway spoke today about her concern about nursing home care. Diane owned Savanna Fillmore gift shop in CB, but sold the business to care for her aging mother who was dealing with issues in a nursing home.



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Diane began by stating her talk today is another opportunity to bring awareness to secure the right of a family or a resident to install a camera in their loved one's nursing home room and hold the nursing home accountable to a standard of care.

Hathaway stated that Iowa has 76 facilities out of 431 nursing homes in Iowa on a national watch list. They are on that list because they have a history of neglect and abuse. The data is compiled by the NHA (Nursing Home Association), which gathers info from state and federal inspections and is all public knowledge. She further stated that 12 nursing homes in Iowa have been designated in Iowa as "Special Focus". These nursing homes have a long history of neglect and abuse and have received federal violations which have gone uncorrected.

Hathaway listed some of the findings, which are public knowledge, in various nursing homes, which ranged from no nurse on duty, black mold, untreated bedsores, unclean breathing apparatus, use of wrong drugs, and more horror stories including those that impacted her mom.

Diane's mission is for state legislation to allow for the use of cameras in nursing homes in Iowa. Many states close to Iowa allow cameras: Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, and Missouri. In total sixteen states have this legislation or guidance.

Cameras could be totally optional, and when someone is visiting with someone, they could be turned off. The resident, family and roommate would need to consent. Hathaway strongly believes that residents have a right to protect

themselves, but have no means. Anyone that walks in can abuse the patient. Many cannot take care of themselves. She stated that in New Jersey, you can even be loaned a camera and it can be hidden.

Some nursing homes and legislators state that cameras aren't allowed by HIPAA Laws, but Hathaway says that is false. She read the law to us that definitely permits cameras. With \$6500/month nursing home bills, Hathaway feels there needs to be accountability from the nursing home.

Diane started on this mission in 2020. Jon Jacobsen, Iowa Legislator, introduced a bill and has been a big support as has Charlie McConkey. In 2022 there were two bills introduced. There is bipartisan support, but when it went to the Human Resources Committee and Ann Meyer from Ft. Dodge, it was killed immediately, citing privacy issues. Diane believes too many legislators are supported by contributions from the Iowa Health Care Association.

Hathaway stated there are good nursing homes. She recommends seeking out the public information about a home and when evaluating a nursing home for a loved one to go visit with the administrator and discuss cameras. Her belief is if a nursing home is providing good care, why wouldn't they welcome cameras? It wouldn't be mandatory for everyone, but for those who desire it. She said cameras would have prevented what happened to her mom.

Next week's speaker will be Tammy Sanfresco who will speak about MOSAIC.

All are welcome!

Quote

"Happiness is a habit. Cultivate it."

Elbert Hubbard

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 18 members plus guests Glenrose Meier and Diane Hathaway.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Gary Gutttau gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Gary Gutttau, Bill Vorthmann, and Dale Willenborg.

50/50 was won by Jordan Campbell. Dianne Willenborg won the Attendance Drawing but was not present to win.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Keith Denton shared that his son is loving his new job as a grounds keeper manager at the University of Omaha.

BUSINESS:

- 38 Senior Scholarship applications have or are being reviewed by a team of Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkouser, Jordan Campbell, John Klein, and Dale Willenborg. They will meet next Saturday after the meeting to select the scholarship winners. It was determined to allow JOI Club to select three of the winners this year.
- It was determined to support HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) participation by two students. HOBY has not happened the last couple years due to COVID.
- Can kennel sorting helpers were Steve Chambers, Gary Gutttau, Chad Gutttau, Gary Funkouser, Bill Vorthmann and Dale Willenborg.
- The group was reminded that Mulch Madness will occur on Thursday, April 28. The Optimists and community workers will work with 5th graders to plant 5 trees in the East Park as well as do new mulching.
- Dale Willenborg, Kirk Vorthmann, and Jordan Campbell offered to help the Cub Scouts today with getting dual information out – about Scouting for Food next Sat. and flag information from the Optimists.
- Dale Willenborg indicated he would attend the Blue & Gold banquet tomorrow night at 6 PM.



L.R. Oratorical Contestants from Treynor, Underwood, Riverside

- The Oratorical Contest for the Zone was today at Zion Congregational Church in Treynor at 9:30 AM. Three contestants, including Cadence Quick, gave their speeches. The Riverside contestant won first place and Cadence Quick from Treynor won second place.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Jordan Campbell reminded everyone that the Mock Crash at the school will be this Friday at 9:30. Don't be alarmed by sirens, police cars, and a helicopter.

Judy Gutttau reported that Linda Frink, one of our new members, has been dealing with health issues for both her and her husband.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

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| Apr 11 | Cut off date to register for conference below. |
| Apr 22-23 | Iowa District 3 rd Q Conference at Holiday Inn & Suites – Ameristar, Council Bluffs. |
| Apr 28 | Mulch Madness |

May 7 Student Kite Flying Day in Treynor at "The
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May 14 Alternative day for Student Kite Flying

Programs

Apr Chad Guttau
May Dale Willenborg
June Steve Irwin (first 2)
Steve Chambers (3rd Sat)
Jeff Jorgensen (4th Sat)

Birthdays

Apr 20 Steve Chambers
Apr 24 Linda Danker
Apr 25 Irvin Saar
Apr 28 Gene Seran

Speakers

Apr 9 Tammy Sanfresco, Mosaic
Apr 16 Matt Wilbur, County Attorney
Apr 23 Jon Jacobsen, Legislator
Apr 30 Senator Jon Carlon

Anniversaries

Apr 7 Jim and Diane Clausen

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