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### Tammy Franciso Speaks



Tammy Franciso, Community Relations Manager for MOSAIC, spoke to the Optimists today. She explained the mission is “We are there to serve persons with intellectual, development abilities, and are proud to do it, and are faith based.

Tammy lives in Omaha and offices out of Logan and serves Western Iowa. Mosaic partners with people to create a meaningful life in a caring community giving a voice to their needs. She explained the beginnings of the organization were birthed when a pastor from Bethage Church in Axtell, NE discovered a person with epilepsy had a seizure and was put in the jail. He went to visit him and found him naked on the floor. The pastor asked the 52 members of his church to each contribute \$1 to help people with different abilities to be able to live in the community. \$52 was raised. They soon merged Bethage with Martin Luther Homes in the early 1900’s to work for this cause.

Franciso explained she has worked in many jobs, but this one has combined her passion with her work. She told the Lord she would go wherever He called her. She just began in January and feels she has been called.

Mosaic serves persons of various abilities, such as those with autism and are high functioning to those who are non-verbal and blind. The residents have lived in group homes and were able to make decisions whether to live there or not. But now a new model is being added, called Mosaic at Home, which provides more one-on-one care.

Tammy explained that in group homes, the residents often mimicked someone who received great attention from care givers so they could also have that attention. They then might be prescribed the same medicine when it may not have been needed. This issue and behavior problems often go away with one-on-one care.

Currently 150 people are being served in this area and 60 Mosaic homes have been established. DSI funds the main needs for the clients. Mosaic also has a wish list to help with some personal needs and desires. Medicaid gives a finite number of dollars for each person; it doesn’t matter whose needs are greater. Mosaic tries to fill the gap.

Mosaic at Home contractors are employed to provide 24/7 support in a shared living environment. To learn more about Mosaic opportunities, presentations called “Discover the Possibility” are held. You can contact Tammy at [tameria.francisco@mosaicinfo.org](mailto:tameria.francisco@mosaicinfo.org), phone 712-644.2234, Ext. 50408 and also check out the web at [www.mosaicinfo.org](http://www.mosaicinfo.org) for more information.

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**Next week’s speaker will be Matt Wilbur,  
County Attorney.**

**All are welcome!**

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**“When one door of happiness closes, another opens.”**

**Helen Kellar**

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### Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 18 members plus guests Tammy Franciso, Glenrose Meier, David Danker, and four from Studio 7- Stephanie Chambers and Sandy Clausen and their daughters.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Bill Vorthmann gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Gary Gutttau, Gary Funkhouser, Keith Denton, and Chad Gutttau.

50/50 was won by Glenrose Meier. Jon Jacobsen won the Attendance Drawing but was not present to win.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: We celebrated the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday of Eva Clausen, a guest from Studio 7 today.

We also celebrated the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jim and Diane Clausen.

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

- Jeff Jorgensen contributed \$5 to announce recent tests on his wife's Stage 4 pancreatic cancer are appearing there is eradication of the cancer!
- Judy Guttau donated to announce she is retiring from work on May 1.

### **BUSINESS:**



- Studio 7 Dance Team members were present to receive a check for \$1202.80 which they will use for costume costs and competition dance team fees. There are 16 girls all together in competition.
- The Scholarship review team will meet Wednesday at 1 PM to select finalists.
- Gary Guttau reported a check has been written to HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) for \$545 for the participation of Emery Whitney and Hailey Nowland.
- Can kennel sorting will be at 2 PM Wednesday to benefit JOI Club.
- The group was reminded that Mulch Madness will occur on Thursday, April 28. Plan to meet at the north parking lot of the football field at 12:30 (or a few minutes before). The event will last from 12:30 – 2 or 3. Community volunteers are needed and welcome. The State Forrester will be coming as well.
- John Klein reported he is waiting for a decision to be made in Oakland regarding the

swimming pool and if it will be possible for us to sponsor a bus to take students there for lessons.

- May 1 will be the Optimist Youth Appreciation at Zion Congregational Church. Cookies will be needed.
- May 7 is the Treynor Optimist Kite Flying event for 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders at The T. The art teacher will be helping the students decorate their kites in school.
- There was some preliminary discussion about the Glenwood Resource Center closing in 2024 so we will need to figure out what to do next.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

- The Mock Crash at the Treynor High School prompted Steve Chambers to share that he saw an electronic sign message on the interstate that was apropos: "Driving is similar to a baseball game. The goals are the same – make it home safe!"
- As a result of the missile tours that the Optimist Club had, AEA is sponsoring a free public tour on Sat., June 4 at 10:30 AM which will include touring the AEA building as well as the property where the silos are, owned by Jeff Danker.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

### **HUMOR**

One minute you're young and fun. And the next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.

### **Calendar**

#### **Events**

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| Apr 11    | Cut-off date to register for conference below.  |
| Apr 13    | Can Kennel Sorting at 2 PM  |
| Apr 22-23 | Iowa District 3 <sup>rd</sup> Q Conference at Holiday Inn & Suites – Ameristar, Council Bluffs. |
| Apr 28    | Mulch Madness   |
| May 1     | Optimist Youth Appreciation Event   |
| May 7     | Student Kite Flying Day in Treynor at "The T"   |

May 14 Alternative day for Student Kite Flying  
June 4 10:30 AM AEA sponsoring public tour of  
AEA buildings and Missile Base.

**Programs**

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

**Birthdays**

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

**Speakers**

Apr 16 Matt Wilbur, County Attorney  
Apr 23 Jon Jacobsen, Legislator  
Apr 30 Senator Jon Carlon

**Anniversaries**

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