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Iowa Senator Jim Carlin Speaks

Jim Carlin is running for the U.S. Senate in the Republican Primary June 7, 2022. Jim is an attorney, who has practiced for 31 years and is from Sioux City. He is running against Senator Chuck Grassley.



Jim stated he is a fan of Norman Vincent Peale and has 40 of his books. In the book, Power of Positive Imaging,

Peale states you need to have a distraction in your mind in the face of adversity. Carlin stated that there was a true story shared in a Saturday Evening Post about a guy on a PT boat in the South Pacific during WW II. The boat was hit by a big wave during a storm and was tossed off the back of the boat. A piece of sheet metal cut his thigh.

When he surfaced, he saw no boat. Two minutes later, he feels a thud from behind and sees a couple fins. He was petrified and prayed that he would bleed and die quickly. While praying, he saw a cardboard cut-out of Jesus from a time when he was in second grade. Then he realized it wasn't a cut-out but Jesus beckoning him to swim towards him. He did and hit and struck a couple sharks.

At that time suddenly one-half mile away a guy is looking from a tower on a destroyer and sees the fallen guy flailing in the water. He tells the captain, who turns the ship. A military policeman shoots the shark and a cargo net is used to pull the guy in. The point is if he hadn't been flailing, he wouldn't have been seen. The application for us is that even when we are in the water with "sharks in life", keep moving and keep pressing forward.

Carlin expressed his opinions on election integrity, the heartbeat bill, active shooter training, senior property tax freeze, veterans' abuse, global ambitions of China, the movie Social Dilemma, antitrust laws, and freedom.

Mark your calendars for June 7 to vote.

FAMOUS QUOTE

"Today is when everything that's going to happen from now on begins."

Harvey Firestone, Jr.

Next week's speaker will be:

Jay and Tammy Johnson who will be traveling to Sweden to copy old ancestry records.

All are welcome!

**Meetings are from 8-9 AM
Treynor Community Building**

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 17 members plus guests, Alan Klein and Jim Carlin.

Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the opening prayer.

Jokes were shared by Gary Funkhouser and Ken Graham.

Gary Gutttau shared that today is Route 66 Day. 95 years ago it was known as the Will Rogers Highway.

50/50 was won by Steve Chambers. Ann Vorthmann won the Attendance Drawing but was not present to win.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Kevin Underwood and Marsha Underwood contributed to announce that Carter White won the city tennis tournament.
- Dee Gutttau contributed to announce her husband has collected Gutttau treasures which are on a low-boy in the lot for today's garage sales.
- Alan Klein bragged on his brother John for all of his efforts with Mulch Madness.
- Chad Gutttau announced he will head to Des Moines Tuesday at 6 AM with Jon Jacobsen for the session of the Iowa Legislature at 8 AM.

- Kirk Vorthmann stated that the Bruning property was sold a few years ago and much conservation work has been done with 1500 trees planted by Gary Thien Farm Management who bought 30+ acres of the property.
- Jeff Jorgensen paid \$1 because Dollar General opened Thursday in Treynor which is good for the growth of his former home town.
- A \$1000 grant was received which will help pay for materials and then some for the Mulch Madness project.
- Gary Guttau reported that 132 American flags have been signed up thus far. More are anticipated as Memorial Day weekend will be the first holiday for flags to be put up.
- Sunday, May 1 is the Optimist Youth Appreciation at Zion Congregational Church starting at 3 PM.

BUSINESS:

- Silver Keg Feeders 4-H Club will sort cans on Wed, May 11 at 4:00 PM. Optimists will assist. Helpers at this week's sorting were Chad Guttau, Gary Guttau, Bill Vorthmann, John Klein, Steve Chambers, and Gary Funkhouser.
- Mulch Madness was reported on by John Klein. There were 71 fifth grade students and 33 adults working together on Thursday, April 28. Optimists helping were Keith Denton, Chad Guttau, Gary Guttau, Bill Vorthmann, and John Klein. Thank you to Adam Thien who came with a hole digger and opened up holes for the five trees to be planted. Other volunteers were Master Gardeners, Community helpers, Teachers, TS Bank, Home Depot, and the DNR State Forrester. The project was even completed ahead of schedule.



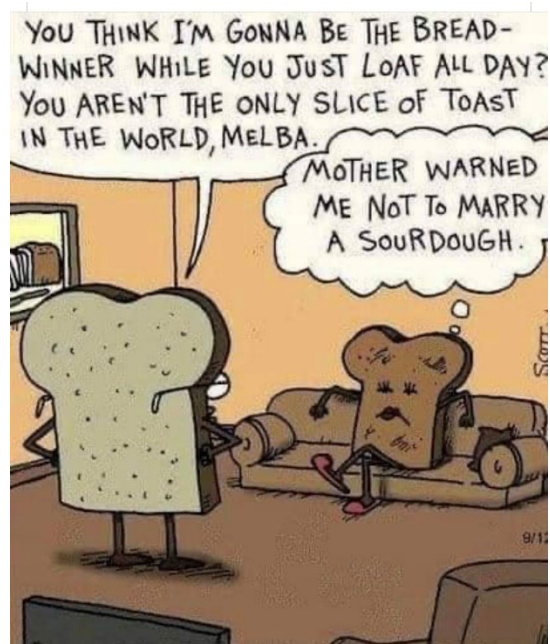
- See the attached write-up about the event and additional pictures below.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Zion Congregational Church is sponsoring:
 - Cinco de Mayo Festival at Zion on May 5 from 5-7:30 PM. This is their second annual taco and nacho event and Jordan promises not to run out of beef.
- May 5 is Fine Arts Night at the High School with a display of high school art and industrial arts students' work and a high school concert at 7:30. A reception for Mr. Schoening and Mr. Schuler will follow as both are retiring.
- May 9 is Awards Night. The Optimist scholarships will be presented. John Klein has a list for those interested.
- May 7 is our Optimist Kite Flying event at The T. A kite flyer with a large flag will be on hand from the Omaha Kite Club.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

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

Birthdays

- May 11 Keith Denton
May 21 Steve Irvin
May 27 Kirk Vorthmann

Anniversaries

Programs

- May Dale Willenborg

- June Steve Irvin (first 2)
Steve Chambers (3rd Sat)
Jeff Jorgensen (4th Sat)

Speakers

- May 7 Jay, Tammy Johnson – copying old records in Sweden
May 14 Coach Scott Strohmeier – head FB coach IWCC
May 21 TBA
May 28 TBA
June 4 Jeff Schoening – Rose Parade trip with American Bandmasters
June 11 Steve Irvin – SW Iowa Education Foundation
June 18 Joe Chapman – Treynor Girls Basketball

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Dues/Donations/Flag Money: Mail to Optimist Club of Treynor, PO Box 354, Treynor, IA 51575

More Mulch Madness Pictures

