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Tammy Johnson Speaks About Sweden



Tammy Johnson, Tabor, spoke about her upcoming trip with her husband, Jay, to Sweden to work with ancestry records.

Jay served on a mission trip with their church in Sweden as a teen and always wanted to return. He recently retired. A kinship is also felt towards Sweden as Jay's

great grandfather emigrated from there to the US when he was eight. Tammy is passionate about genealogy. They will now serve their church for 22 months in Stockholm, Sweden, restoring and digitizing all kinds of historical records, beginning with military records.

Sweden has dark winters and light summers, but winters in Stockholm (in southern Sweden) are similar to Omaha other than the dark. Summer temperatures are rarely above 80 degrees.

Sweden is about the size of England and the population is less than London. Stockholm is composed of little islands. They've been told it is unfriendly, but once you make friends, the Swedish are very friendly. Eighty percent of the people speak English, and everyone under 40 speaks English. They have British and American TV. The Johnsons have been studying Swedish for over a year with a tutor. The northern part of Sweden is north of the Arctic Circle so they look forward to seeing the Northern Lights. Tammy even told of a hotel made of ice there.

Preparation for this long trip to a Socialist country includes getting shots, lots of paper work which indicates how they are being provided for, and planning what they can take on the airplane. The estimated cost for them will be \$3400/month with a subsidy for rent. Their airfare and international health insurance are paid by their church.

Tammy said it is recommended no one send them anything as to receive it, they must pay 25% tax of the estimated value in the package.

In Sweden military records go back to the 1600's and every male has to sign up for the military. There are no military records of females in Sweden, but a mother's name may be listed on the men's records. The work there on military records is about half completed.

Tammy shared with us that Family Search is the name of a free product available to anyone to do genealogy research. She said it is similar to Ancestry and the two work well together. She did a quick research while at the meeting on Kevin Underwood's grandfather, William Underwood, Ken Graham reported he uses Family Search and gets an update every Sunday. He discovered he had a relative come over on the Mayflower.

Tammy and husband Jay will report to Provo, Utah on July 11 for a week prior to leaving for Sweden.

Next week's speaker will be:

Announced

All are welcome!

Meetings are from 8-9 AM

Treynor Community Building

FAMOUS QUOTE

"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember what you said." Mark Twain

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 13 members plus guests, Glenrose Meier and Tammy Johnson.

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

Jokes were shared by Gary Funkhouser, Steve Chambers, and Gary Gutttau.

50/50 was won by Gary Funkhouser. Judy Gutttau won the Attendance Drawing.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Gary Funkhouser donated to brag on all the Treynor athletic teams' success this week.
- Judy Gutttau complimented the Fine Arts Program and the honoring the retirement of Mr. Schoening and Mr. Schuler at the school.
- Bill Vorthmann and Dale Willenborg contributed because the Youth Appreciation ceremony was successful and for Kevin Underwood's good cookies.
- Glenrose Meier donated because her 46 year old son has 3rd stage kidney cancer and treatment is working.
- John Klein bragged on Jordan Campbell leading the Cinco de Mayo local celebration and the good food!

BUSINESS:

- Dale Willenborg thanked all who helped with the Youth Appreciation ceremony. He circulated a program showing the honorees:
 - 7th grade – McKayla Dinklage and Cole Yoder
 - 8th grade – Gabrielle Blanchard and Nolan Scott
 - 9th grade – McKenna Freiburger and Noel Cramer
 - 10th grade – Mia Harter and Clinton Buckingham
 - 11th grade – Sydne Dotson and Jacob Pote
 - 12th grade – Nora Beekhuizen and Payton Chapman
- Shelly Bailey attended the District Optimist Meeting in CB and passed along to Judy Gutttau a pin for having signed up five new members over the years and a Casey's gift card.
- Shelly Bailey is the adult advisor for the JOI Club, which is parent to the Keep Kids Alive Committee. John Klein announced Keep Kids Alive is going to sponsor a 5K run and a 1 mile walk in July.

- Today is our Optimist Kite Flying event at noon at "The T". Post event report: It was very successful with about 50 present flying kites on a nice windy day. The kites practically took off themselves! The Omaha Kite Club flew several very large kites. We owe much gratitude to Katie Weiss, Treynor Elementary Art Teacher. Our Optimist Club donated the materials for the kites and Katie had the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders decorate their kites in class. She brought all kites to the field and will send home kites with children who were unable to come this day.



Two excited girls ready to fly kites!



Katie Weiss – Thank You!

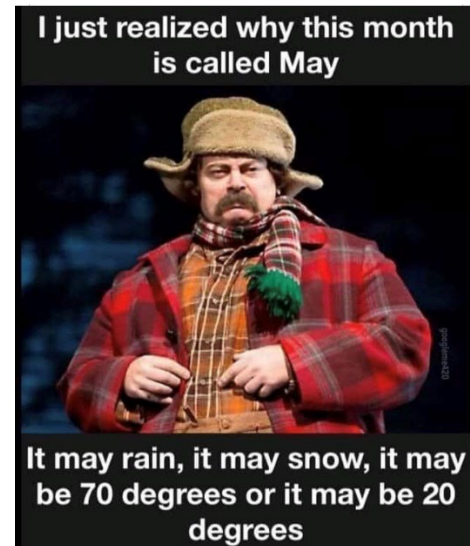
- Discussion was held about making the Optimist Club more visible in the community-signage, etc. With no community newspaper, Steve Chambers wondered if a 1-page community newspaper could be produced which is what Crescent does. Gary Funkhouser states that he puts up a few copies of our Optimist newsletter at the post office and they are always taken.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- Gary Gutttau stated today is the Master Gardeners Sale at Westfair which opened at 8 AM.
- May 11 is Awards Night at the school at 6 PM. The Optimist scholarships will be presented. Baccalaureate follows at 8 PM at Zion Congregational Church.
- Graduation is Sunday, May 15 at the school at 2 PM.
- It was mentioned by a member that if you have a CB Library card, you are entitled (as long as they last) to two free passes to the zoo, Lorenzen Gardens, and Durham Museum. Call the Library for more information.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR



Calendar

Events

May 11 Can Kennel Sorting

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 14 TBA
 May 21 TBA
 May 28 Coach Scott Strohmeier – head FB coach IWCC
 June 4 Jeff Schoening – Rose Parade trip with American Bandmasters
 June 11 Carrie Currin, Treynor K-5 elementary counselor
 June 18 Joe Chapman – Treynor Girls Basketball

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