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SPECIAL MEETING and TOUR

The Treynor Optimist Club joined with the Underwood Optimists to enjoy breakfast pizza and a tour of PACE – Hoff Family Cultural Center in Council Bluffs.



This Center is located in the old Harvester Building, located on 1001 S 6th St. in CB. Built in 1888, the Harvester is a four-story building with approximately 47,000 sq. ft in the main structure and an additional 24,000 sq. ft. in a one-story addition that dates from 1928.



PACE stands for Pottawattamie Arts, Culture and Entertainment. Dance, Music, Theater, Classes, Exhibits, Events, Culinary, Museums all are a part of PACE.

Our tour guide was Bitsy Metzger, Event Director at PACE. She told us this is her ideal job. She grew up on a 500 acre farm in Louisville, NE. PACE opened in the fall of 2019 and then COVID hit which shut down most activities, but PACE is making a great recovery.

Many artists have space at PACE. Buck Christensen, local photographer, leaves his space open for people to view his art and sort through displays to purchase his beautiful photos.

“Verge” was in its last day of being displayed in the 4th floor art gallery. Verge is most unusual as the artist created displays from deer killed on highways. The display even included lacey looking items on the floor from the glass left behind on the road from the collisions. The 4th floor displays change on a regular basis. Also on that floor are the Grant Wood paintings found in the Chieftain Hotel in Council Bluffs a few years ago. These are being permanently displayed at PACE.

The Kitchen Council provides great space for entrepreneurs to experiment with their food startups. PACE encourages the use of the Kitchen Council for catering for events at PACE. Many meetings, fundraisers, weddings and programs are held at PACE. Other caterers are allowed as well.

Chanticleer Theater has permanently moved to this Center. There are no bats in the belfry! The stage height size is the largest in a multi-state area. The seating capacity being under 300 is perfect for CB and every seat is aligned to be able to see the stage floor!

The Omaha Ballet has their own space and a unique sculpture of ballet shoes can be seen from outside through the window.

All art is for sale that is displayed in the building.

Every Friday from 5 – 9 PM McCormick’s 1894 right inside the entrance of the Center is open for reasonably priced drinks and a food pop-up serving samples of food prepared in the Kitchen Council. Hours are 5-9 PM and on the 4th Friday of the month, live music is added and the hours are 4-10 PM.

For more information on classes, theater, hours, etc., check out www.paceartsiowa. PACE is also on Facebook.

Our next meeting will be Sat., Jan. 29. The speaker will be announced.

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!"

"The greatest mistake you can make is to be continually feeling you will make one."

Elbert Hubbard

Meeting Minutes

The Treynor Optimists did not have a formal meeting but joined the Underwood Optimists for their meeting. In total 19 were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led followed by a prayer. A quote was read and humor was shared.

An anniversary was recognized.

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

Don Dilts who led the meeting, shared a brag of a great job he took on after the harvest was on. Best paying job he's had, he said.

BUSINESS:

A new idea for our club was that Dale Robertson could provide us contact info if our club would like to sponsor CPR/AED training for the community. They also invited us to attend theirs in Underwood.

Don Dilts wore his Optimist (Underwood) polo shirt that the Underwood members are ordering. The shirts have the creed on the back. He also showed us a really nice metal drinking cup, stating that these could be ordered for our individual clubs pretty reasonably. Mike Hoy does the printing.

Underwood has a Student of the Quarter honor they bestow to an elementary student, middle school student, and high school student based solely on character and optimism. Dilts stated that the athletes and scholars receive other accolades but this honor seeks out other

deserving students as well. A yard sign is placed in front of their home for a quarter.

Our tour guide today was given an Optimist coaster which was presented by Don Dilts

One more idea is that one of the Underwood members is an engineer with expertise in robotics so he is doing initial work to establish a Robotics Club for youth in Underwood and Tri-Center. Dilts stated it is important to look at the talent of our members as a means of developing new project! Great thought to consider further!

We also learned that Underwood also does the flag project and now have red caps for the holes, which saves lots of mystery work for the Optimists especially when the flags are first put in the yards in the spring. Someone from Underwood will send information to our club about these caps.

Underwood has added six new members this year. They circulated flyers and knocked on doors. The personal contact works best. It was also noted that past JOI members who move back to the community would be good potential members to contact.

Thanks, Underwood! We learned a lot, enjoyed the fellowship, food, and tour!

The meeting was adjourned with members reciting the Optimist Creed.

CORONAVIRUS HUMOR

(courtesy John Klein)

"Finland has just closed their borders. No one will be crossing the finish line."

"So many coronavirus jokes out there, it's a pun-demic!"

"Due to the quarantine, I'll only be telling inside jokes."

"The grocery stores in France look like a tornado hit them. All that's left is de brie."

"What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The Wurst Kase scenario."

Calendar

Events

Jan. 25 Free Optimist Dinner for Zones 1-4 at Belle
Terre
Jan. 26 Essays due for Optimist Youth Essay
Contest
Feb12 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. 23 Doug Dillivan

Anniversaries

Programs

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

Speakers

Jan 29 TBA

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