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Jeff Schoening, Rose Bowl Parade



Our guest speaker was recently retired Treynor Band Director, Jeff Schoening. After 34 years of teaching grades 5-12 bands in Treynor, he is now replaced by his former student, Taci Beam.

Jeff's topic today was his participation in the 2022 Rose Bowl Parade

in Pasadena, CA. He was part of a 278-member band that provided musical accompaniment for the American Band Masters' Rose Bowl Float. Technically, the band was part of the float entry, not in the band competition. This float entry won the overall Best Showmanship Award in the parade.

All members of this huge band were music teachers, ranging from age 21 to 84. The older ones got to ride on the float instead of walking the 5.5 miles of the official parade. They played constantly for 1.5 miles of the pre-parade (where the television cameras are) before the official parade started. So, in total, Jeff estimates that he carried his snare drum 8 miles, at least. Being professional musicians, and given this band size, they created a wonderful band sound that surpassed the college marching bands.

Band directors from all 50 states and Mexico participated. Five were from Iowa. There were 27 sousaphones in the band! They practiced two days before the parade, all in the California rain. They got to perform indoors, however, for the official float judging the day before the parade.

Jeff stated the smell of the flowers from the parade floats was truly amazing. It was a wonderful experience for Jeff and a great reward to top off his illustrious band career.

(Thanks to John Klein for the speaker write-up and to Dee Gutttau for notes and photos.)

Next week: The Optimist speaker will be Carrie Currin, Treynor Elementary Guidance Counselor.

Town volunteers are welcome to attend our 8:00 am meeting, and to stay afterward (roughly 9:15) to help put out American flags at over 200 homes and sites around Treynor.

For more information on Optimist Flags or activities, see the website at www.treynoroptimist.org.

FAMOUS QUOTE

"Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort."
Franklin D. Roosevelt

Meeting Minutes

Jordan Campbell, Vice President, called the meeting to order. Present were 14 members plus three guests, Glenrose Meier, Jeff Schoening, and Keelea Navera.

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

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

50/50 was won by Keith Denton. Steve Chambers claimed the Attendance Drawing.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: There were no birthdays. Steve and Deb Irvin's anniversary Sunday was announced; however, Steve paid \$2 to NOT have the group sing. He and his wife met at South Page.

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

- Both Kevin and Marsha Underwood donated to announce Carter White from St. Albert did

an outstanding job in the State High School Tennis Tournament. They also contributed because their dog, Shasha, has been depleting the rabbit population from their amazing garden!

- Bill Vorthmann bragged about the Memorial Day service provided by the Treynor American Legion.

BUSINESS:

- Optimist American Flags will be put out again after our meeting next Saturday June 11 for Flag Day**. Flags will then be taken down at 4:00 Wednesday June 15. Following that, they will be put up again before Treynor Days on June 25.



• Keelea Navera was present to pick up her Optimist Club scholarship check of \$500. She outlined her plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa next fall with the goal of becoming an Elementary Art Teacher in the future.

L-R: Keelea Navera, Jordan Campbell

COMMUNITY NEWS:

- The Treynor Nike Missile Base Tour is today. (It is reported a huge crowd of well over 125 people attended, which was the number of soldiers stationed there in the late 1950's). Thanks to Jamie Reims of the AEA and Jeff Danker for opening that history up to the public.
- Today is also day #2 of 3 at the free High School Rodeo in Carson's Carr Arena. This annual event is always held the weekend after Memorial Day in Carson, and features both boy and girl events on horseback (or bulls).
- Also, several Baseball games are held today, and many home games for Baseball and Softball are coming next week.

John Klein will lead the meeting next Saturday.

The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR

Middle Age in a Nutshell

1. "Who cares if it looks good? I'm comfortable."
2. "Has anyone seen my phone?"
3. "Stupid scale...that cannot be right!"
4. "Shoot, did I already take my vitamin?"
5. "Huh, I wonder how I got this bruise.."
6. "Why is the print on these instructions so tiny?"

Calendar

Events

June 8 Can kennel sorting, 2:30 p.m.

Birthdays

June 16 Dale Willenborg
June 20 Jeff Jorgensen

Anniversaries

June 5 Steve & Debra Irvin
June 15 Steve & Jeannie Chambers
June 28 Mick & Judy Guttau
June 29 Dave & Linda Danker

Programs

June Steve Irvin (first 2)
Steve Chambers (3rd Sat)
Jeff Jorgensen (4th Sat)
July Phil Waggoner (1&3 Sat)
Judy Guttau (2,4&5 Sat)

Speakers

June 11 Carrie Currin, Treynor K-5 elementary counselor
June 18 Joe Chapman – Treynor Girls Basketball
June 25 TBA
July 2 Kayli Christensen, Treynor grad
July 9 Kevin Forristall, President TS Bank