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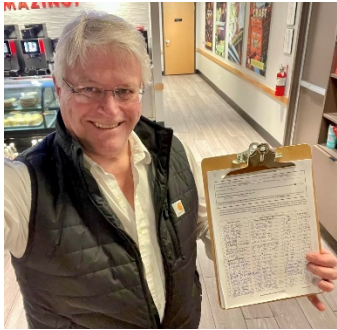
THREE IN ONE

We had Three In One speakers today as our scheduled speaker was unable to come.



First, was **Kirk Vorthmann**, who gave an update on Dollar General. The town council has approved annexation of the south three fourths of the Saar property for the new business. The town council, engineer and site manager

will still be getting together to discuss the drainage issue. Anyone who has driven by can see that construction has begun with lots of soil being moved and the land being prepared.



Jeff Jorgensen was present and was given an opportunity to tell about his new venture. He circulated a petition for approval to run for the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors. Jeff stated he has lived in this area for 30 years

and used to live in Treynor, stating positive things about Treynor and Pott Co.

He is retiring from Union Pacific. For years as Chairman of the Pott Co. Republicans, he said he has twisted arms to get people to run, and now he feels it is his turn to run. He opened the floor to questions, and comments were discussed about Mt. Crescent and wind farms in Pott Co. He has strong feelings about Pott Co. having attractions to draw tourists. He hinted that a very big project is in the works in upcoming years which will have a huge impact in our area.



Third, **Keith Denton**, an avid reader, has just finished reading the book, Medicine and Miracles in the High Desert: My Life Among the Navajo People, written by Erica Elliott. He gave a very interesting book review about the culture of the

Navajo people. It details the author's time living with the Navajo people as a teacher, sheepherder, and doctor and her experiences with the people. She didn't feel accepted immediately, but her father convinced her to stay 3 months, which led her to develop a deep relationship with the Navajo people.

Our next meeting will be Sat., Feb 5. The speaker will be Tom Becka- KPTV News Commentator, Fox 42 television. 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!"

"Think of what you can do with what there is."

Ernest Hemingway

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Present were 16 members plus Aubrey Pierce and her mother, Celeste Bienay.

Dale Willenborg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dee Gutttau gave the opening prayer. Keith Denton and Bill Vorthmann provided humor.

50/50 was won by Kevin Underwood. Ann Vorthmann won the Attendance Drawing, but was not present to win.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

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

- Jeff Jorgensen announced he is running for the Pott Co. Board of Supervisors.
- Bill Vorthmann stated his grandson James has not ever gone out for wrestling until this week. He is a freshman and he got a pin this week.
- Judy Gutttau contributed stating all speakers slots are filled for the year with Optimists arranging them except for two which she was certain she would get today with Jeff and Steve C.! (And they agreed!)

COMMUNITY:

- Chad Gutttau reported on issues being discussed in the Legislature in Des Moines.

BUSINESS:

- Dale Willenborg stated the art teacher in the elementary is interested in the Optimist kite project and having the students paint the kites. The club voted to buy kites for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students at Treynor for this project.
A day or two will be picked for flying and others can be invited to attend too if they have their own kite. We also discussed having one or two Omaha Kite Club members attend with big kites.
- Those attending the tour of PACE on Sat., Jan. 15 with the Underwood Club shared about their experience and what was learned.
- Those attending the special event on Feb. 25 at the Belle Terre near Glenwood shared about the wonderful food and fellowship. It's possible this will become an annual event.
- March 19 will be the date for a Volunteer Awards Event in Treynor sponsored by the Treynor Optimists. It will be held at the Treynor Community Building. Various ideas were discussed.
- Dale Willenborg stated that John Klein is applying for a grant for Trees Forever so that five trees can be planted at the school at a cost of \$978 for the trees and mulch.
- Bill Vorthmann stated that Thrivent contributed \$250 to buy more flags. Dale Willenborg stated more poles will be needed

this year. We also discussed the red caps for the flag pole holders.

- Can Kennel sorting will be at 3:30 PM Wednesday with Studio Seven – this is a new time stated after the meeting.



Aubrey Pierce was present to receive her \$500 Treynor Optimist Scholarship. She is attending Iowa Western Community College in the Nursing School. Her mom was present and is a nurse. Aubrey states she received her CNA during her senior year in high school. Because of COVID, they weren't able to do clinicals in nursing homes so had to just practice on mannequins. Besides IWCC, Aubrey works at the Bergan Hospital in the emergency room. She's quite interested in that field of work.

POSITIVE HUMOR



Calendar

Events

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| Feb 12 | Optimist Day. District Conference – Cedar Rapids |
| Feb 28 | Club Youth essays due |
| Mar 19 | Treynor Volunteer Awards Event |

Birthdays

Feb 13 Gary Funkhouser

Anniversaries

None in February

Programs

Feb John Klein
Mar Gary Funkhouser
Apr Chad Guttau

Speakers

Feb 2 Can Kennel Sorting at 3:30 with Studio Seven (new time)
Feb 5 Tom Becka-KPTV News Commentator,
Fox 42 TV
Feb 12 Michelle Ausdemore, President of Jr.
Treydor Women
Feb 19 Jeff Danker – on site tour of Treynor Missile
Base – east side, Car pool from Treynor
(weather permitting)
Feb 26 John Dalton – Pott Co. Pheasants Forever
Also local area philanthropy

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