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Michelle Ausdemore Speaker

Michelle Ausdemore, President of Junior Treynor Women (JTW), was our guest speaker. The organization started in the 70's and today there are 30 members. All ages of women participate. Many traditions continue since its inception

but activities have evolved with more being done in the community.

The JTW reach out to women in the community through various means and kick off their year with a Meet and Greet at the Palace Event Center. Food and prizes are enjoyed. They also enjoy a club Christmas social at the end of the year. Dues are \$25 per year.

The Vice President becomes the President and selects her cabinet. They try to rotate the selection of members to be officers.

Activities the JTW host include: Treynor Easter Egg Hunt, Elementary Night at the Arts, Bloodmobile plus support for a second one during the year, Luncheon during Treynor Days, Community Christmas party, JTW Scholarship Fundraiser, School Kits, Gifts for School, Secretary Day, Nurses, and Teacher Appreciation.

They have hosted seminars with topics such as Women's Self Defense and Human Trafficking. The latter was co-hosted with the Optimists. Elder Abuse is a future topic being considered.

The Community Christmas Party is always held the Sunday after Thanksgiving in tandem with turning on Christmas lights in Treynor (4:30-7 PM). It is free except for free will donations for The Pancake Man. Pictures can be taken with Santa. There is food and drinks and little kids crafts, cookie decorating, and this year a magician was new and popular. In addition, a cardinal tree is in place. An anonymous gift need

can be selected by community members to help those in need in Treynor.

The "Elementary Night at the Arts" is set for April 25 which is about a 2 hour event. The students' art is displayed in the hall ways at the school in coordination with the art teacher. A free will donation ice cream social is held. The kids are also able to perform with various individual or small group selections of their choosing.

The JTW Scholarship Fundraiser will be March 19 and always lines up with March Madness. The event is limited to 125 at Silos and is \$30 for a single or \$50/couple and includes dinner, one free drink and music. Attendees have the option to pay \$5 square per game on TV. They can win money or donate it back. Beautiful baskets are also created for raffle tickets. All profits go towards providing Treynor scholarships. Last year eleven \$700 scholarships were given. The seniors must write an essay about volunteerism to be eligible.

You may find out more about JTW on Facebook, and the school and city newsletters.

Our next meeting will be Sat., Feb 19. After the business meeting, the group will go to the Missile Base for an onsite viewing with Jeff Danker. Richard Warner will also join the group. 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!"

**"Nothing great was ever achieved without
enthusiasm."**

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President called the meeting to order. Present were 17 members plus Michelle Ausdemore, speaker.

Dale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mick Gutttau gave the opening prayer. Jim Clausen, Keith Denton, and Judy Gutttau provided humor.

50/50 was won by Kirk Vorthmann. Gary Gutttau won the Attendance Drawing.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Gary Funkhouser's 86th was celebrated. Thanks for the breakfast pizza, Gary.

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

- Judy Gutttau donated to share that John Klein provided an article to the National Optimist Club which was published in the winter issue about the Treynor Can Kennel. Gary Gutttau stated to date over \$208,000 has been donated. We salute the community for their help in donating redeemable cans and bottles and to the Optimists and youth organizations for sorting.
- Jerry Hempel donated to state his daughter Katie and husband are moving back to the area. Her husband will take a position with the University of Nebraska Athletic Dept.
- Jeff Jorgensen stated he is running for County Supervisor and a fundraiser is being held on Thursday at the Gathering Room, located at Thunderbowl in CB.
- Dale Willenborg announced his parents celebrated their 70th anniversary. There was a 2-page article about them in the Manning newspaper. Dale is the oldest of nine children.

COMMUNITY:

- Dale Willenborg announced that there will be a Celebration Ribbon Cutting on Mon., Feb. 28 at 8 AM at the Community Building for Four Corners Community Foundation, formerly TS Community Foundation.
- April 2 – Cub Scouts Scouting for Food will piggy back with the distribution of Optimist flag flyers. Optimist volunteers are needed. An email will be sent shortly after that about signing up for flags.
- April 2 – Treynor Athletic Booster Bash.
- John Ross Biederman Eagle Scout induction will be Sun., March 13 from 4-6 PM at the Treynor Community Building. Cindy Biederman would appreciate her

letting her know how many Optimists will attend.

BUSINESS:

- Mulch Madness in Treynor will be Thurs., April 28 to mulch trees at the high school with 5th graders. A decision on a grant application for five trees is pending.
- March 19 is the date for the Inaugural Volunteer Awards Event in Treynor sponsored by the Treynor Optimists. It will be held at the Treynor Community Building starting at 6 PM. 24 organizations in Treynor have been contacted to select a volunteer to be honored. Each organization can bring 12 guests. There will be a \$250 drawing to go to one organization at the event. A free taco bar will be served by Silos. Jordan Campbell will be the MC.
- Gary Funkhouser announced that this Monday at 11:45 AM awards will be presented to three Treynor seniors for the Optimist Essay Contest. He stated a retired writing teacher from Harlan judged the 18 entries. Addie Schnepel was first and will win \$100, Nathan Petersen was second and will win \$50, and Caden Hill was third and won \$30. The first place winner will go on to district.
- Gary also announced the sophomores are preparing for the Optimist Oratory Contest. Gary stated he won't be able to continue doing this in the future and hopes someone from the club will continue this effort.
- Funkhouser also stated he wouldn't be able to lead the Optimist Youth Appreciation event this year. Because of COVID the event was not held in '21. Discussion took place about what is involved. The meeting was closed with reciting the Optimist Creed.

HUMOR

- **Sign at a Tire Shop in Milwaukee:**
"Invite us to your next blowout!"
- **Sign on an Electrician's truck:**
"Let us remove your shorts."
- **Sign at an Optometrist's Office:**
"If you don't see what you are looking for, you've come to the right place."

Calendar

Apr 28 Mulch Madness

Events

- Feb 14 11:45 at school. Honor local youth essay winners
- Feb 16 Can Kennel Sorting at 3:30 PM
- Mar 19 Treynor Volunteer Awards Event
- Apr 2 Cub Scouts will be going door to door- Scouting for Food and will distribute the Optimist flag flyers. A few Optimists are needed as well.

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Programs

- Feb John Klein
- Mar Gary Funkhouser
- Apr Chad Guttau

Speakers

- Feb 19 Jeff Danker – on site tour of Treynor Missile Base – east side, Car pool from Treynor (weather permitting)
- Feb 26 Brandon Vorthmann, Treynor School Board

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