



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA
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NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:
Dale Willenborg



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Scott Rucker, Boys Basketball Coach



Scott Rucker is finishing his 20th year at Treynor. He was an assistant coach for two years at Treynor, then he replaced Jerry Christensen as head coach. Jerry coached for over 40 years and had over 500 wins. He had the 4th most wins in the state.

This year Treynor played in the state final four. In 2014 they got third at state and in 2015 they won the state tournament.

Scott has two things he always talks about with boys, becoming great husbands and becoming great fathers. There are always opportunities to talk about these principles. Things in life are not always easy, but they are worth the effort.

Scott's favorite games are away games. Playing on the road helps build the team. Therefore, they never have scrimmage games at home. He also loves beating Underwood and St. Albert.

Some people say the hardest part of coaching are the parents. Scott does not feel that and has only had a few parents be a problem. He tries to be fair and honest with the youth. Treynor has very good parents and youth.

Treynor plays 26 games. Scott doesn't like to waste opportunities. He stresses being mentally tough and likes to stress Treynor's tradition of good basketball.

Basketball numbers have been lower in the past few years, in the 20s. Jr. High basketball had 50 youth enrolled. The freshmen had 7-10 players.

Club basketball is not a big thing in Treynor. Scott considers soccer to be the best sport for young people to be involved in because everyone can participate. He doesn't think basketball players need to be multi-sport athletes. He just

thinks they need to be involved in something, even musicals or plays, not necessarily sports.

Scott is from Shenandoah and his wife is from Kearney. He played basketball at Cornell College.

Thanks to Dale Willenborg for preparing the majority of the Newsletter.

Next week's Speaker:

Joe Chapman, Treynor High School Girls Basketball Coach

FAMOUS QUOTE

"Optimism is essential to achievement and it is also the foundation of courage and true progress." Nicholas M. Butler

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, called the meeting to order. Sixteen members were present.

The group recited the pledge and Dale Willenborg gave the prayer.

Jokes/riddles: Keith Denton, Bill Vorthmann, Jordan Campbell, and Steve Chambers.

50/50: Dick Fox

Attendance: Phil Wagoner (not present)

Birthdays/Anniversaries: We celebrated Dick Fox's 81st birthday.

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Chad Gutttau went to see Raiders of the Lost Arc with Jon Jacobsen and got an autograph by Ben Mankiewicz.
- Gary Gutttau went to get his hearing aid adjusted and had an ear infection. He was given medicine for athletes foot.
- Keith Denton bragged on his two granddaughters, Sophie (freshman) running

relays and Lily (sophomore) in the 1000 at the State Track Meet this week.

- John Klein recognized the Jr. High musical, Schrek.
- Dick Fox said he has two grandchildren graduating.
- Dale Willenborg survived babysitting six grandchildren for ten days.
- Jerry Hempel's son did well in golf.

Business:

- John Klein issued a thank you to Gary Gutttau and Kirk Vorthmann for hauling mulch for Mulch Madness.
- John Klein said that there were 23 youth signed up for swim lessons. The deadline for sign-up is Monday. (The final count was 27.) Adult volunteers are needed to ride the bus.
- Dale Willenborg asked for help putting up flags. St. Paul youth are planning to help.
- The Optimist Club is giving out 16 scholarships again this year, \$500 each. The recipients were announced at the Senior Awards Night by Jordan Campbell.

JOI Club selected:

Haley Nowlin, Cadence Quick

Optimist Club selected:

Alek Bain, Averie Corollo, Grace Emke Emmersen Fox, Allison Houser, Aubree James, Danny Kinsella, Rylee Magill, Holden Minahan, Chloe Pryor, Cade Reed, Haley Swanson, Emmerson Whitney, Levi Young

Community:

- Wednesday, May 22 there is a spaghetti supper and auction for the Stevie family in the High School commons.
- Glenrose Meier announced that there will be a reception for Patty Walter for her retirement from the school to be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church Saturday, May 25 from 2-4 PM.

Community Events:

- Tues., May 21 – Last Day of School
- Wed., May 22 – Fundraiser spaghetti supper and silent auction 5-7 PM at Treynor High School Commons for Ava Steeve, age 5, diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia. Daughter of Derek & Amberly Steeve. He is a Treynor teacher.

This family also had damage from a recent tornado near Glenwood.

- Wed., May 22 – Varsity Girls Softball – Treynor
- Wed., May 22 – Varsity Boys Baseball – Treynor
- Sat., May 25 – Reception for Patty Walter, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Treynor – 2-4 PM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

“Shout-out to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday. You are my people!”

CALENDAR

Events:

May 26 Sunday – Can Kennel for Music Boosters 5:00 PM

Birthdays

May 21 Steve Irvin
May 22 Kirk Vorthmann

Anniversaries

None

Programs:

May Phil Waggoner (3rd/4th Sat)
June Steve Irvin (1st/2nd Sat)
Joel Beyenhof (3rd Sat)
Judy Gutttau (4th/5th Sat)
July Judy Gutttau (First three Sat.)
Joel Beyenhof (4th Sat)
Aug Chad Gutttau
Sept Jim Clausen (1st/2nd Sat)
Bill Vorthmann (3rd/4th Sat)
Oct Gary Gutttau
Nov Jordan Campbell (1st/2nd Sat)
Jerry Hempel (3rd/4th Sat)
Dec Mick and Judy Gutttau

Speakers

May 25 Joe Chapman, Girls Basketball Coach
June 1 Matt Hansmann, Science Teacher
June 8 Jacob Beresh, Social Science Teacher
June 15 Carrie Currin, Elementary Counselor
Also Kallie Danker – All State Speech
June 22 Andrew Moats, Co. Recorder,
“Property Fraud”
June 29 Vicki Dowling – Treynor History Memories
July 6 Christine Buresh Ford, “Gather at the Table” coffee shop ministry – Old Market Omaha