



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA  
Iowa District, Zone 2 Club Number 40-109  
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## NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:  
Dale Willenborg



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### Christine Buresh Ford, Old Market, Omaha



Christine Buresh Ford, graduated from Treynor in 1982. She stated she thinks back often to how her community, school and church had an impact on her. Her husband Clyde accompanied her. They have two children and two grands.

She worked 38 years always for someone else and was thinking about retiring sometime, but then God said, "There is more." She had worked 14 years on the staff of Good News Church as an ordained care pastor, calling on the sick, etc. Prayer changed her life and led her to start a business, called "Gather at the Table Ministries" on 12<sup>th</sup> and Howard in the Old Market, one of the darkest places in the city.

Christine explained that the darkness includes lots of drugs, homelessness, prostitution, witchcraft, etc. 6000 people live in the 6 block square of the Old Market and most are females 18-23 looking for love in all the wrong places. Christine was being led to a ministry of transformation of the city, through a class originated in a church in Portland, OR. during the fires/riots in 2019. Portland city officials welcomed what was being done there - loving people and giving out water, which led to worship and prayer services.

Christine started the ministry with a partner who had the same vision - serving breakfast and coffee, offering a worship service in the Old Market on Sundays as well as prayers for healing on Tues. afternoons and a 6 am prayer meeting. Every Thursday, a group does a prayer walk in the Old Market to dismantle darkness and occupancy and they distribute bags clean socks and underwear and water to the needy. Change is happening.

After just celebrating their third year in business in January this year and with no intentions of expanding, Christine was given another vision of a bigger place and now recently opened The Table Coffee Co, just 3 doors down, which is centrally located on a corner in the Old Market – 1122 Howard St. It was done very economically with donors helping and volunteers cleaning. They serve coffee and breakfast from 7 AM – 2 PM (also lunch items) Sunday through Saturday and next door is prayer and worship at night.

Their mission is to love people well, follow the leading of the Lord and stay debt free. They want to offer incredible customer service and feel 90% of the time they reach that goal. They've received the YELP trophy. "There's a seat for everyone at the table." is their mantra.

A second goal is to offer a quality product, made fresh and from scratch. They offer brewed, blended, iced, flavored, and specialty coffee drinks and smoothies. The menu includes Rosemary White Mocha, Tiramisu Cold Brew, Cherry Choco-Latte. Plus you can enjoy heavenly waffles, best turkey club sandwich, Mediterranean salad, gluten-free breakfast burritos and so much more.

Also interesting to learn was: 1) Light roasted coffee has more caffeine than dark roasted coffee. 2) The College World Series brings in half to 2/3's increase in income during that time for her business. 3) Christine supports the new street car to increase business and help with parking. 4) 75% of people who come to the Old Market are tourists. The Zoo is also a big tourist draw.

Check out [www.TheTableCoffeeCo.com](http://www.TheTableCoffeeCo.com).

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### Next week's Speaker:

Brandon Vorthmann & Anica Olsen  
School Board Members

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## FAMOUS QUOTE

“The happiness of your life depends on the quality of your thoughts.”

Marcus Aurelius

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## Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Nineteen members were present as well as guests: Christine and Clyde Ford, Norm Collins, and Jill Davis.

The group recited the pledge and Judy Guttau gave the prayer.

**Jokes:** Dale Willenborg, Steve Chambers, John Klein, Keith Denton

**50/50:** Phil Waggoner

**Attendance:** Ken Graham

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** None

Breakfast will be free next week to observe Gary Guttau's birthday.

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

- Kirk Vorthmann announced that five couples including Lynelle and him will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries next Sunday, July 14 from 4-7 PM at the Treynor Community Center. Keith donated also. He and Georgia are also celebrating.
- Bill Vorthmann contributed \$2 for all the helpers with Bingo last week at Treynor Days. He also praised Glenrose Meier for washing and repairing the Optimist aprons.
- Dick Fox donated \$3 to announce that their five sunflowers are now 10-12 ft. tall. They save the seeds each year and are willing to give some away. He also has 6 tomatoes (Romas). And his rain report was that his gauge was overflowing – 7.25 inches this month.
- Gary Guttau shared memories of the building that the flags are stored in on his place. First, a chicken house, then a fox that his dad caught lived there, then a shop and now a flag building.
- Judy Guttau stated her 9 year old granddaughter was selected for the ensemble for the youth play, Beauty and

the Beast, to be performed at Chanticleer in the Hoff Family Center this fall. Show dates: Sept. 12-15, Sept 19-22. All shows are at 7:30 PM and 2 PM on Sundays.

## Business:

- Can Kennel sorting for the Optimists will be after the meeting today. Helpers were Gary Guttau, Keith Denton, Bill Vorthmann, Ken Graham, Judy Guttau, John Klein, Dennis White and Doug Wehring.
- Flags were taken down on Friday by Kirk Vorthmann and grandkids, Dale Willenborg, John Klein, Ken Graham, Jim Clausen, Dennis White, Dee Guttau, Chad Guttau.
- To date \$8947 has been brought in from flags. Gary Guttau will donate to bring it up to \$9000.
- John Klein noted that the windstorm did damage to some poles and flags. It is believed the poles can be straightened. Glenrose Meier and Judy Guttau offered to repair flags.



Jill Davis, Treynor Music Director received the \$1424.80 Can Kennel check for the Music Boosters. She shared that the money will be used in hiring

someone to create the marching band show and coaching the color guard. They will also be buying a new piano for the choir room which is digital as they can't find parts for the old one.

Jill shared information about music competitions, selection of state marching band sites, and quite a number of Treynor students who will be in the Chanticleer Beauty and the Beast, including Kallie Danker as Belle, Abbie Biesta as the Beast, Isaac Butts as Gaston, Chloe Miller as LeFou, Delaney Jorgensen as a Bimbette.



## Community Events this week:

- Tues., July 9: Treynor Farmers Market with a theme of Family Game Night, Greek food, and Dan Morse music.
- Wed. July 10: Girls Softball vs. Tri-Center or Underwood in Treynor.
- Fri. July 12: Girls softball – winner above vs. Shenandoah or Missouri Valley in Treynor.
- Fri. July 12: First Friday Food Truck (but 2<sup>nd</sup> week this month)
- Fri., July 12: St. Paul Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social – 4:30 – 7 PM.
- Sat. July 13: Tristan's Trail 5 K Run or Walk, starts at 3 Zion Drive at 8 AM.

## AUCTION:

Bill Vorthmann bought Killing Patton for \$1, donated by Ken Graham.

Judy Guttau bought 2 cucumbers for \$1, donated by Dale Willenborg.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## HUMOR

**I like to make lists. I also like to leave them lying on the kitchen counter and then guess what's on the list when I am at the store.**

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## CALENDAR

### Events:

Thu. July 25 Westfair gate duty- Optimists

### Birthdays

July 14 Gary Guttau  
July 25 Jerry Hempel  
July 27 Jim Clausen

### Anniversaries

July 15 Jordan & Katie Campbell  
July 25 Chuck & Kathy Nielsen

### Programs:

July Judy Guttau (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.)  
Dale Willenborg (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)  
Joel Beyenhof (4<sup>th</sup> Sat)  
Chad Guttau  
Aug Jim Clausen (first two)  
Sept Bill Vorthmann (last two)

### Speakers

July 13 Treynor School Board Members,  
Brandon Vorthmann and Anica  
Buckingham Olsen.  
July 20 Aaron Terry, Football Offensive  
Coordinator for Iowa Western  
Community College  
July 27 Jill Kay, Treynor Elementary Principal  
Aug 3 TBA  
Aug. 10 Cassi Johnson, owner of Lilypops,  
Treynor  
Aug. 17 TBA  
Aug 24 Wendy Andersen, Splash Pad  
Aug 31 MaryAnn Hanusa, Candidate for County  
Auditor

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