



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

Treynor Optimist Club President:  
Dale Willenborg



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### Get To Know Each Other

Dale Willenborg continued a game that we started in August. Members were able to provide answers to the remaining questions that were given to us earlier. Members did expand with stories on some of the questions.

#### Spare time or evening activities:

- a. Gardening
- b. Sitting in easy chair watching tv
- c. Mowing
- d. Watching old movies
- e. Boating
- f. Playing Parcheesi
- g. Listening to books on phone from library
- h. Watching TV and Fox News
- i. Working on projects
- j. Sewng quilts
- k. Washing dishes
- l. Working on financial books
- m. Playing basketball, and with kids
- n. Crocheting and Word Search
- o. Reading
- p. Scanning old photos.

#### Unique hobby:

- a. Collecting 4 leaf, 5 leaf, 6 leaf clovers,
- b. Making cards out of pressed flowers
- c. Making homemade cards with poems
- d. Writing stories and painting walls
- e. Making quilts and wall hangings
- f. Sister City program
- g. Strategizing how to win Connect Four, etc. and making into tournaments
- h. Word Search
- i. Harvesting the garden
- j. Puzzles
- k. Volunteer coaching
- l. Helping in garden
- m. Downsizing house
- n. Googling

### Unique memory of a Grandparent:

- a. Grandfather played volleyball at age 70
- b. Spent two weeks on farm and Grandfather walked on hands across the yard to entertain the kids
- c. Optimist lost his hand at age 2 and Grandfather thought he should have a slingshot so made it out of a stick
- d. Grandfather always yelled, "No Screaming!"
- e. Grandfather always had horses but picked up hay using tractor
- f. Grandmother was the best alarm and always yelled, "Get out of bed."
- g. Grandparents had threshing machine and still have
- h. Driving Ford tractor
- i. Grandfather in Essex served in WW I and would give victory sign at ball games kids played in
- j. Grandparents took them on shopping sprees
- k. Grandfather's suitcase was always packed and under the bed ready to go home with the grandkids
- l. Grandparents always had candy dish filled with gum, mints, candy bars and other grandparents passed out pens and pencils
- m. Rode with Grandparents to CB to the Peoples store parking lot and seeing lots of people they knew.

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**Next Week's Program**  
**Dr. Dan Kinney, President**  
**Iowa Western Community College**

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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. 16 members were present. Guest: Randy Gattan, from Leon, Iowa, but moving to Macedonia.

**Prayer:** Judy Guttau

**Jokes:** Keith Denton, Phil Waggoner, Steve Chambers

**50/50:** Gary Guttau

**Attendance:** Kevin Underwood

**Football Pool:** John Klein won.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** We celebrated Dale and Dianne Willenborg's 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Phil and Jan Waggoner's 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

- Judy Guttau stated their grandson's team at Augustana University had a miraculous win against city rival University of Sioux Falls on Oct 4. The score at the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter was 10-28 and Augustana won 29-28!
- Keith Denton recommends the book, 5000 Year Leap. The settlers had just one book, the Bible, and our Constitution is based on the Bible.
- Gary Guttau bragged on the Treynor football game winning 56-0 against Red Oak.

### BUSINESS:



- Jordan Campbell received the check for Treynor TeamMates for \$1280.70 and shared about the program.
- Can Kennel sorting with Zion Youth had 25 youth helping plus Optimists.
- St. Paul Preschool will have the Can Kennel sorting on Oct. 25 and then two weeks later.
- Dale Willenborg showed us the red plugs for flag holes that his 14-year-old grandson made with a 3-D printer. The price is \$3 each. We have 100 and will experiment with these when removing flags.
- Marsha Underwood will provide breakfast next Saturday in honor of her birthday.

- Dues are now due: \$75. The actual amount that we pay Optimist International is more but our bragging dollars help cover the extra cost as per our treasurer, Gary Guttau.
- The Optimist Quarterly Conference #1 is Fri., Oct. 17-18 at The Courtyard by the Marriott in Ankeny, IA.

### Events this week:

- Mon. Oct. 13** – B/G CC WIC @ Oakland
- Tues. Oct. 14** – VB @ Tri-Center
- Tues. Oct. 14** – 7/8<sup>th</sup> FB vs. MV @ Treynor
- Tues. Oct. 14** – VB Tourn WIC @ AHSTW
- Tues. Oct. 14** – Fall Farmers Market –5:30-7:00 PM, Pie Baking Contest
- Thur. Oct. 16** – VB Tourn WIC @ AHSTW
- Fri. Oct. 17** – Vars Football vs MV @ Treynor
- Sat. Oct. 18** – State Marching Band @ Glenwood
- Sat. Oct. 18** – VB Tournament @ Lewis Central
- Sat. Oct. 18** – B/G CC @ Logan - MV

### Coming Events:

- Sun. Oct 26** – Treynor Spooktacular (includes Trunk or Treat plus more) 1-3 PM Comm. Center

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## HUMOR

**“How do spiders get online? *They use web sites.***

**What did the spider say to the fly? *Pleased to eat you.***

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## CALENDAR

### Events:

- Oct. 18 Can Kennel Sorting – St Paul Pre-School
- Oct. 18 Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM, Treynor Community Center

### Birthdays:

- Oct 17 Marsha Underwood
- Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

### Anniversaries:

- Oct 17 Dennis & Kay White

### Programs:

- October Judy Guttau (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)  
Dee Guttau (4<sup>th</sup> Sat.)
- November Jerry Hempel (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Sat.)  
Linda Danker (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sat.)

December Judy Gutttau (5<sup>th</sup> Sat.)  
Mick and Judy Gutttau

Nov. 8 Jeff Casey, Treynor FB Coach  
Nov. 15 Susan Enewold – CARES Program  
Nov. 22 Terry Richardson, Judge Richard Distillary,  
Carson, IA  
Nov. 29 Korbin Horton, 2025 SE Asia Mission Trip

**Speakers**

Oct. 18 Dr. Dan Kinney, Pres. Iowa Western  
Community College  
Oct. 25 TBA  
Nov. 1 TBA

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