



The Optimist Club of Treynor, Treynor, IA  
Iowa District, Zone 2 Club Number 40-109  
Iowa District Governor: Jane Schmidt  
Lt Governor: George Volz

## NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:  
Dale Willenborg



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### SUSAN ENEWOLD, CARES PROGRAM



Susan Enewold spoke today about **Council Bluffs C.A.R.E.S** and **Manna CARES**.

**Council Bluffs C.A.R.E.S** stands for "Community Always Remembering Everyone is Special".

**Manna CARES** is a special needs Optimist Club started

by the Council Bluffs Optimist Club, of which Susan is a member, past president, and she also has served as the Optimist District's Lt. Governor.

The Manna CARES Club was formed five years ago as a part of the Council Bluffs Optimist Club. The Council Bluffs Optimist Club and other donors pay the dues for the members of Manna Cares. The Manna Cares Club meets weekly on Wednesday evenings and continues to grow and flourish. At their meetings, they play Bingo, put bags together for the homeless, clean baby graves, and the CB Optimists have pizza parties with them as well as Halloween parties, Easter Egg hunts, Valentines parties, etc. There were 37 Manna CARES members present last week, and 52 at the most.

From this beginning with Manna CARES, **Council Bluffs C.A.R.E.S. Inc.** was developed as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that will enhance the lives of community members and special needs individuals by thriving on the success of individual's talents and life's purpose. Susan is a volunteer Executive Director and has two paid assistants. Over 100 people special needs individuals participate.

Council Bluffs C.A.R.E.S missions are: 1) CARES Crafts – to build supportive community for special artists by sharing their creativity. 2)

CARES Gifts – Sharing their abilities 3) Training in skills for working as possible.

The people who participate can't raise a lot of money. They don't have the concept of selling or being there and washing cars. Funds are always needed. One way to help is to donate to "Sponsor an Artist" which will help pay for training by an artist (weaving, stamping, etc.), craft supplies, snacks and drinks, etc. Donations can be tax deductible. Items they make are sold at craft fairs and in the future in an online boutique.

Salem Methodist Church has had a building in the Manawa area for over 20 years and didn't open it up after COVID so let the Council Bluffs C.A.R.E.S and the Manna Cares Club use the building the last five years which is much appreciated. Now the needs are greater with both Manna CARES and Council Bluffs C.A.R.E.S. meeting, so a new space is being researched.

The Council Bluffs Optimist Club has helped with several Special Olympics, and a Special Prom that this year was attended by 625 people (400 with special needs and the rest caregivers and staff to assist). The newest project will be CARES Living to provide the Manna Cares Optimists members with the opportunity to have a place to live with a houseparent that would make sure they are safe at night.

Check out [www.councilbluffscares.com](http://www.councilbluffscares.com). And Facebook site: CouncilBluffsCARESInc Volunteers, donations, sponsors are always needed. To help, contact Susan at [susie91865@gmail.com](mailto:susie91865@gmail.com) or 712.309.2200.

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**Next Week's Program**  
**Terry Richardson**

**Judge Richard Distillery, Carson**

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### Famous Quote:

“Hope is the most exciting thing there is in life.”

Mandy Moore

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### Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg presided. 14 members were present. Guest: Susan Enewold

**Prayer:** Judy Guttau

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

**50/50:** Steve Chambers

**Attendance:** Glenrose Meier

**Football Pool:** Bill Vorthmann

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** None

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

- Keith Denton: His granddaughter Lily Denton has signed with the University of Texas.
- Judy Guttau: Treynor JOI Club provided goody bags to the veterans attending the Veterans Day program at school on Tuesday. The program was excellent!

### Business:

- Gary and Chad Guttau put up flags along Hwy 92 for Veterans Day on Monday, and Dale Willenborg and Steve Chambers took them down on Thursday.
- The can trailer has been picked up. St. Paul Pre-School got \$1000 more than the highest group we've had this year. The Underwood Optimist Club and Legion also put cans there which are kept separate. \$3750 for our two Treynor groups was received this month.

### Community:

- The Northern Lights were seen by many this week.
- D.J. Walton is the new head wrestling coach at Treynor. He has been on staff for several years.
- The Treynor School is gathering coats, scarves, gloves for those in need and can be

dropped off at Treynor Elementary or Castle & Associates at TS Bank in Treynor by Dec. 1.

- Congrats to the Treynor Dance Team for their team and individual awards.
- Best School Awards in the Nation were announced on Monday: Treynor High School received #1 in SWI; Treynor Middle School received #1 in SWI and #5 in Iowa; Treynor Elementary was also awarded.

### Events this week:

- **Sat. Nov. 15-** Vars Girls BB vs AL @ Treynor
- **Sun. Nov. 16** – Treynor Legion Bingo – 6:30 PM
- **Mon. Nov. 17** – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Boys BB @ Tri-Center
- **Tues. Nov. 18** – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Boys BB Creston
- **Tues. Nov. 18-** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Girls BB Jamboree @ Glenwood
- **Wed. Nov. 19** – Visit Cobra Club CB. Call George Volz if want to go.
- **Thurs. Nov. 20** – OPUS (regional) Honor Choir @ ISU
- **Thurs. Nov. 20-** 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Boys BB vs Riverside @ Treynor
- **Fri. Nov. 21** – JV/V Girls BB @ Atlantic
- **Fri. Nov. 21** – 1-3 PM Debi Durham, head of Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance is visiting Treynor.
- **Sat. Nov. 22** – Vars Girls BB WIC Tournament @ West Minona

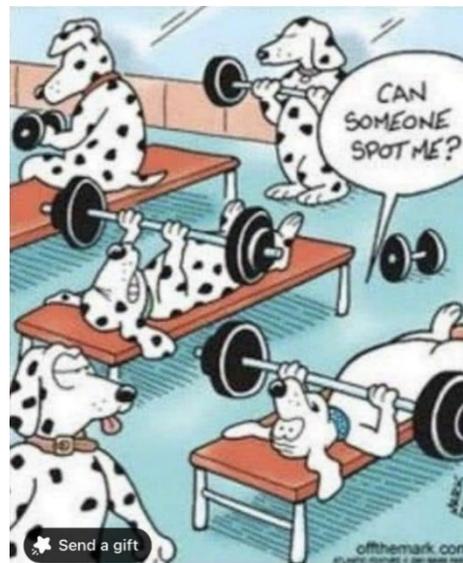
### Future Events:

- Mon. Nov. 24: Zone Meeting @ Riverside Club at Oakland Community Center – potluck.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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## CALENDAR

**Events:**

- Nov. 19 Visit Cobra Club – CB with George Volz  
Nov. 22 Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM,  
Treynor Community Center  
Nov. 24 Zone Mtg – Potluck, Oakland Comm Cent.

**Birthdays:**

- Nov. 18 Phil Waggoner  
Nov. 18 Dianne Willenborg  
Nov. 22 Kathy Luedke

**Anniversaries:**

- Nov. 22 John & Carol Klein  
Nov. 25 Ward & Suzanne Chambers

**Programs:**

- November Linda Danker (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sat.)  
Judy Guttau (5<sup>th</sup> Sat.)  
December Mick and Judy Guttau

**Speakers**

- Nov. 22 Terry Richardson, Judge Richard Distillery,  
Carson, IA  
Nov. 29 Korbin Horton, 2025 SE Asia Mission Trip  
Dec. 6 Richard Miller – Local Expert on Historic  
Indians in the area.  
Dec. 13 Doug Jensen, Candidate for US Congress  
Dec. 20 Josh Bintz – Physical Therapist – his new  
information!  
Dec. 27 Brian Young, Pastor, Living Hope Church

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