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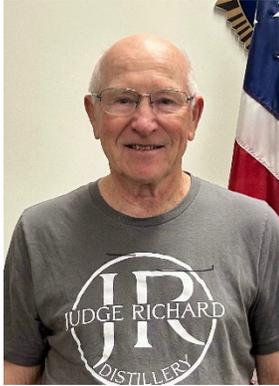
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JUDGE RICHARD DISTILLERY



Terry Richardson is the Co-Founder and President of Judge Richard Distillery in Carson. After retiring from a 40-year career with AT&T, one of Terry's hobbies became distilling sour mash. His product became very popular with friends, family and neighbors.

In 2023 his daughter Jill, Co-Founder and CEO of JRD suggested taking the product to market. They received corporation approval and a federal distribution permit. Terry attended Moonshine University in Louisville, KY to build on what he learned on YouTube, Barley & Hops. At Moonshine he met many distilling professionals who have been extremely helpful.

It was no small feat to install the distillery equipment in a small metal building on Hwy 92. Then he purchased four barrels of Kentucky bourbon. It was later blended and bottled to officially launch their first product in May 2024. Soon after was the grand opening of their tasting room in a brand new building. An 18 ft. solid mahogany bar top was found in the torn down old building and Ed McClain reconstructed it. The building includes an event room for private parties and even small weddings. There are two hotel rooms available for rent in the lower level.

Iowa, along with five other states in the nation, are control states, meaning all liquor distribution is done through the state. Terry delivers all bottles to the state's Ankeny warehouse. Liquor distributors purchase from the state. Payment to Judge Richard comes after the state sells it to a distributor.

Terry was the first one in the family who didn't farm. Studying his ancestry, he found that his third great grandfather farmed in KY for over 30

years in the Frankfurt area. He stated, "He had to have made whiskey." He later moved to MO and kept on farming and became a judge...thus the name. A grandson came to Iowa, married in 1890, and the Richardsons have been in Carson ever since.

A barrel can be made in about ten days, but it takes four years to age. Legally it can be sold after aging two years, but it's not as good. The big guys mix barrels of different ages – four, ten, or more years. Terry says he has six barrels filled thus far but it needs to age three more years.

Bourbon is as American as apple pie. It is a specific type of whiskey that must be made in the US that is at least 51% corn, aged in new, charred oak barrels and bottled at a minimum of 40% ABV (Alcohol by Volume). A new barrel must be used each time to make bourbon. Whiskey can be made anywhere in the world using various grains and aging processes. All bourbon is whiskey, but not all whiskey is bourbon. The color and flavor come from the charred oak in the barrel.

They continue to purchase barrels of bourbon from KY. In about four years, they will have their own bourbon to bottle. It will be called Stonebreaker Straight Bourbon Whisky, paying homage to the farm where Terry's nephews grow corn which he uses. All corn and rye used is sourced locally. New empty oak barrels are bought out of MN and MO. The barrels have to be charred so they torch the inside of the barrel in Carson, then filter the char out.

Terry uses a reverse osmosis system for his water to get chlorine out of the water. Terry stated Kentucky has limestone water....so does Carson.

Terry also makes vodka, which is made from grain from the ethanol plant that is redistilled. Iowa vodka is mostly made out of corn. Currently on the market is Judge Richard bourbon, vodka and coming soon is gin, blackberry, rye.

Judge Richard is open to the public on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. You can follow them on Facebook to see all of their upcoming events. Contact Jill for event room or hotel room rentals or to book your own private distillery tour! Contact info: 402.651.6880

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Thanks to Jill Richardson for editing the above.

**Next Week's Program
Korbin Horton, Cambodia.**

Judge Richard Distillery, Carson

Famous Quote:

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!"

Dolly Parton

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg presided. 21 members were present. Guest: Terry Richardson.

Breakfast: Thanks to Linda Danker for homemade sweet treats.

Prayer: Glenrose Meier

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers

50/50: Judy Gutttau

Attendance: Judy Gutttau

Football Pool: Keith Denton

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Kathy Luedke today; Diane Willenborg and Phil Waggoner – Nov. 18; John and Carol Klein – 50th Anniversary today. I'm not telling but you'll have to ask John how he met his wife!

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

- Keith Denton: His granddaughter Lily Denton has signed with the University of Texas. She broke the high school state record for all time, and she broke her own record.
- Steve Irvin: Grace, oldest granddaughter at Siouxland Christian had the highest award in art. Hope, the youngest granddaughter at Siouxland Christian, collided with a girl in soccer in Kansas City and has a concussion.

This is her second. She plays basketball also and is going to give that up.

- Dale Willenborg: His grandson, Jayden, works for a railroad in Ames. The train derailed, he got fired. He's being paid double for the next month. Then they will hire him back!
- Kirk Vorthmann: He went to Atlantic for the Freshmen and JV games to watch granddaughters and Treynor won handily.
- Ken Graham shared a 1949-50 picture of his grandfather's putting up hay with a booster buck.
- Gary Gutttau: He stated he actually loaded hay with a booster buck with two people.
- Dick Fox: His 40 green tomatoes are in a box in the basement. Ten have ripened perfectly and will be served at Thanksgiving.

Business:

- The Optimist Zone Meeting and Potluck is Monday, Nov. 24 at 6 PM at the Oakland Community Center, hosted by the Riverside Club. Desserts will be provided by JOI club. JOI members are welcome too.
- Gary Gutttau stated Optimist dues are due!
- The Zion Youth will receive \$1436.50, and St. Paul Pre-School will receive \$2331.50 in Can Kennel proceeds.
- JOI Club will be going to the Iowa JOI Convention and will need three rooms. They have asked for our club to pay for one room - \$140. This will be discussed at our board meeting.
- Our board meeting will follow the regular meeting on December 6.
- Can Kennel sorting to help the Speech students is on Friday, Dec. 5 at 3:40 PM

Community:

- Debi Durham, head of Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance, spoke in Treynor Friday and took a tour. About 40-45 attended. A ribbon cutting was held for the new road that now goes through "The T".
- TRA: **New Winter hours – Mondays** only from 10 am to 10 pm for lunch, wings (eve) and all day salad bar.
- Support Local: Passport Postcard: **Nov. 21-Dec. 23.** Grab a passport postcard at a participating Treynor business. Visit all six and be eligible for prizes: Silos, The Occasional

Collective, Ride & Shine, Jen & June, Tweets, Jarvis Quality Meats

- Treynor Community Christmas: JTW sponsors on **Sun., Nov. 30**, 4:30-7 pm
- The Treynor School is gathering coats, scarves, gloves for those in need and can be dropped off at Treynor Elementary or at TS Bank in Treynor by **Mon., Dec. 1**.
- Blood Drive: **Dec. 4**, 11:30 am – 5 pm @ Treynor Community Center.
- Nativity Showcase: PEO hosting at Zion from 1-3 PM on **Sat., Dec. 6**. Over 100 nativities, cookies/coffee
- Legion Bingo: **Sun. Dec. 7**, 6:30 pm at Treynor Community Center
- Tweets: Sip & Shop Supper on **Fri., Dec. 12**, 4-7 PM before the game (pasta meal and gifts for sale)
- IWCC: **Mon., Dec. 15** – USAF Heartland of America Band presents “Letters to Santa”. 7 pm. It’s free but call to sign up and you will be mailed free email tickets.
- Light Up Treynor: Call or email the city to enter. Judging will be at 6 pm on **Dec. 19**.
- Occasional Collective: On **Dec. 30** the store is pivoting to an online store.

Events this week:

- **Sat. Nov. 22-** Vars Girls BB WIC tourn @ West Minona
- **Sat. Nov. 22** - Vars Boys BB scrimmage vs AL/Carroll/Treynor @ Treynor
- **Mon. Nov. 24** – Opt. Zone meeting/potluck @ Oakland Comm. Center at 6 PM
- **Mon. Nov. 24** – Vars Girls wrest tour @ AL
- **Tues. Nov. 25** – JH Girls wrest @ Clarinda
- **Tues. Nov. 25-** Fresh/JV/V Girls BB @ Harlan
- **Wed. Nov. 26 – Fri., Nov. 28** – Thanksgiving Break
- **Sun. Nov. 30** – Treynor Community Christmas @ Treynor Community Center 4:30-7 pm

AUCTION: Butternut squash was bought by Judy Gutttau, Glenrose Meier, and Linda Danker.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

“What do you call a deer with no eyes?”

No eye deer!

CALENDAR

Events:

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| Nov. 24 | Zone Mtg/Potluck – 6 pm Oakland Comm. Center |
| Nov. 29 | Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM, Treynor Community Center |
| Dec. 5 | 3:40 PM – Can Kennel Sorting for Speech Students |
| Dec. 6 | Optimist Board Meeting- 9:10 AM |

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

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| Nov. 25 | Ward & Suzanne Chambers |
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Programs:

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| November | Judy Gutttau (5 th Sat.) |
| December | Mick and Judy Gutttau |

Speakers

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| 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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