



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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No Speaker Today

Due to an emergency, our speaker, Cody Abbott, Home Depot Manager, was unable to come today and will be scheduled at a later date.

Next week's speaker:

Andy Mayer- Droppitt Can Kennel Recycling
We will see a video and learn about what happens to all of those cans.

Inspirational Quote:

“Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”

George Bernard Shaw

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Center. 13 members were present.

Prayer: Judy Guttau

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers

50/50: Judy Guttau

Attendance: John Klein

Birthdays/Anniversaries: We celebrated Ken Graham's 80th birthday this coming Wednesday. Ken grew up on a farm near Persia with one brother and three sisters.

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

- Kevin Underwood and Marsha Underwood: They paid in support of the Treynor Girls BB team having a great season and for the Treynor Boys BB team playing this week at state.
- Dale Willenborg: For the same as above.

- Judy Guttau: For the great season the Treynor Girls BB team had.
- Keith Denton: For the great season for the Treynor Girls BB team and for the St. Albert Girls BB team, both ending up at State.
- Steve Chambers: His grandson, son Brad's youngest, made the winning basket with 2 seconds left for his HS BB team to go to the state tournament in Nebraska.
- Gary Guttau: He's going to check out something he heard about for dementia, which is a rotary mental ball that vibrates in your hand.
- Dale Willenborg: His grandson played in a robotics tournament and they were 16th out of 36.
- Kevin Underwood: Marsha Underwood was in a newspaper picture for the boys substate BB win.
- Dale Willenborg: His Treynor TeamMates mentee was student of the week. Last year his grades were not good.

Business:

- Can kennel sorting for Zion Youth happened over several days. Steve Irvin, Steve Chambers, and John Klein assisted. A large group of boys helped sort cans. Steve C. reported there must have been 70-80 bags.
- JOI Club/KKA (Keep Kids Alive) will sort on Wed., Mar. 18 and Wed. Apr. 8 after school.
- Dale Willenborg reported that at the end of the year a total of \$277,700 has been taken in from the can kennel which benefits the youth in our community.
- Mulch Madness is planned for Thurs., May 14, not May 15 as reported last week.
- John Klein reported planning for the summer swimming lessons is going well. The bus and driver are approved by the school. Lessons

will be June 15-18, June 22-25, departing at 11:30 am and returning at 1:00 pm. The cost is \$70/child with a maximum of 30 children.

- Chad Gutttau reported that Attorney General Brenda Bird will not be able to speak in April, but perhaps in May. He shared that Wendy Andersen will speak the first Saturday of April.
- John Klein reported the group touring KETV and the Burlington Building is filled with 15 attending. Plan to meet on Friday, March 20 at 9:15 AM in the Treynor Community Center parking lot to carpool. The tour begins at 10:00.

Community Events:

- **Mon. Mar. 16:** Legion Fish Fry, 5:30- 7:00 PM

Events this week in Treynor and some away if indicated:

- **Wed. Mar. 11:** No School.
- **Wed. Mar. 11:** V Boys BB 12:15 PM vs Grundy Center at State Tournament
- **Thur. Mar. 12:** 2nd Round Boys BB 5:30 PM
- **Thur. Mar. 12:** Reiver Jazz Fest (Choir) IWCC
- **Fri. Mar. 13:** V B/G Indoor Track – ISU
- **Fri. Mar. 13:** Finals Boys BB 7:00 PM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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CALENDAR

Events:

- March 14 Optimist Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM, Treynor Community Center
- March 18 Can Kennel Sorting for JOI Club

Birthdays:

- March 11 Ken Graham

Anniversaries:

- Mar 4 Gene & Erika Seran
- Mar 8 Keith & Georgia Denton

Programs:

- March John Klein
- April Chad Gutttau
- May Ken Graham (1st, 2nd Sat)
Jeff Jorgensen (3rd, 4th Sat)

Speakers:

- Mar. 14 Andy Mayer- Droppitt Can Kennel recycling process
- Mar. 20 **Friday** – Channel 7 KETV Studio tour at 7 Burlington Station. Car pool: 9:15 AM.
- Mar. 21 “The Wall That Heals” speaker
- Mar. 28 D.J. Walton & Dan Kinsella – Treynor boys and girls wrestling programs

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