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NEWSLETTER

Treynor Optimist Club President:
Dale Willenborg

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Dale Willenborg – Treynor Optimist Website



(www.treynoroptimist.org) has lots of information for Optimists as well as interested community members. The **top** has links to Events:

1) "Speakers" is an alphabetical list of all speakers we've had since October 2003. This can be a tool for members inviting speakers who haven't spoken for a while.
2) "Newsletters" include our newsletters from 1984-1988, 1995-2026
3) "Contact Us" has a listing of our mailing address and officers/board members.
4) "About Us" includes a statement of our purpose and history. It also includes a historical list of our youth activities, civic activities, general contributions list and fundraising projects.

The **center area of the Home Page** gives you a quick glance of the list of speakers for the current time frame, some pictures of current projects, some special Treynor Volunteer events, the Flag Letter for 2026 and a list of past speakers, past newsletters and monthly speaker coordinators for upcoming months. Also included are flag holidays for 2026. Flag revenue provides currently $9000 for 18 graduating seniors and the 2026 recipients of the $500 scholarships are listed. A total amount and full list of scholarship winners link is provided.

The **left side of the Home Page** includes links to pictures of recognized youth for the Youth Appreciation award from 2015 to 2026.

The right side of the Home Page is all about the Can Kennel – monthly and total proceeds, how it works, and the schedule and info for the organizations utilizing the Can Kennel for fundraising.

And while you are in the Treynor Optimist website, in the **lower right hand corner** are links to other interesting and useful **local web sites**.

Dale Willenborg then also presented entertainment he watches on uTube – Trump Baby News and Logan Lisle (Dad jokes).

Next week's speaker:
Denise Wilson – SPY Mission Trip
Plus Breakfast

Positive Quote:
"Let us be grateful to the people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."

Marcel Proust

Meeting Minutes

President Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order at the Treynor Community Center. Eighteen members were present. There were no guests.

Prayer: Bill Vorthmann

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers, Kevin Underwood

Steve Chambers shared a picture of the 1952 first Treynor football team which included Gary Guttau. He passed a few other older pictures too. Gary responded by saying that Wayne Burdick was the coach, and it was a 7-1 season for this 6-player team. Burdick left this winning season to coach elsewhere. The next coaches were Gene Stewart with assistant Jim Bottoms, who had played for Auburn U. Bottoms coached Gary very hard in practices. Steve Chambers commented that Treynor during his time of playing had the coolest coaches – Frost & Freeze.

50/50: Steve Irvin

Attendance: Dale Willenborg

Birthdays/Anniversaries:
Judy Guttau celebrates her 80th birthday Sunday. She brought breakfast.

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

- Marsha Underwood: Her 55th Treynor class reunion is this evening.
- Judy Guttau: Grandson Brock Fox was invited Aug. 7 to try out for the United Football League in Washington, DC. He felt good about it. He hopes to hear more after the first of the year. The UFL plays spring ball.
- Keith Denton: Lili will compete in track at the University of Texas and is studying physical therapy. Sophie is a freshman psychology major at UNO.
- Bill Vorthmann: Grandson James can be in FFA till age 21 and showed a steer for 2nd place in his class at the Iowa State Fair. Grandson Eli showed chicken broilers and two sheep and got purples on all.
- Gary Guttau: Congratulations to Keith and Joyce McClain, Carson, for being awarded at the Iowa State Fair as Iowans of the Day.
- John Klein: He shared two small rocks from loess soil. One was a rock inside a rock and the second had a translucent middle from chrystalline on the inside. Gary Guttau then commented that under the loess soil is glacial till.
- Keith Denton: Our Iowa magazine featured the Treynor Optimist Can Kennel (submitted by John Klein) and in a recent magazine a Volkens girl who graduated from Treynor wrote to the magazine that she read it and it brought back many memories.

Business:

Optimists helping the Volleyball Team with the Can Kennel were John Klein, Steve Irvin, Phil Waggoner, Steve Chambers, Chad Guttau, Gary Guttau, Dale Willenborg, and Jordan Campbell. There were 17 girls working hard and it only took an hour.

After the meeting, Dale notified me that the Volleyball team plans to sort at the Can Kennel this Wednesday, August 26 at 2:15 PM. Volunteers are needed to help.

Correction to last newsletter: The Can Kennel has collected 88 tons (not 33 tons) through the years (if all containers were aluminum cans.

Thank yous were received from Ellie Kinsella and Colton Lane for their Optimist scholarships.

Community Events:

- **Fri. Sept. 4**: First Friday Food Truck 11 AM – 1 PM.
- **Thurs. Sept 10:** Blood Drive in Treynor by American Red Cross. 11:30-5:30 Community Center.Call 1-800-733-2767 to make appointment.
- **Thurs., Sept. 10:** TeamMates Kickoff at the school 8 AM – 8:20 AM.

School Events in Treynor:

- **Mon, Aug. 24:** First day of school- 8:20 AM-2 PM
- **Tues. Aug. 25:** First day of Pre-School
- **Wed. Aug. 26:** School – 2 PM dismissal
- **Fri., Aug. 28:** V Boys FB vs Riverside
- **Fri., Oct. 9:** Homecoming

Auction: Keith Denton purchased jalapeno peppers for a dollar.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

HUMOR

Why are Saturday and Sunday so strong?

Because the rest of the days are weak-days.

CALENDAR

Events:

Aug 26	2:15 PM Can Kennel sorting
Aug 29	Meeting 8:00-9:00 AM St Paul Lutheran Church

Birthdays:
Anniversaries:

Programs:

August	Dale Willenborg
September	Jim Clausen (1st, 2nd Sat) Bill Vorthmann (3rd, 4th Sat)

Speakers:

Aug 29	Denise Wilson – SPY Mission Trip
Sept 5	TBA
Sept 12	Vicki Dowling, Treynor History
Sept 19	TBA
Sept 26	TBA

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