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### Alora Nowlin Speaks

Alora Nowlin, Treynor High School senior this fall, spoke to the Treynor Optimists on August 11. Alora plans to major in political science and Spanish and would someday like to be a Senator. She spoke about the interesting activities she has participated in during high school. Knowledge of these activities came through her high school counselor, others who have participated, and personal research.



**Alora Nowlin**

Alora will serve as JOI Club President this year. Her goal is to increase attendance and participation in activities.

As a high school junior she participated in Youth Leader CB one day/month. Her eyes were opened during Education Day when they attended another school and observed that the atmosphere was different from her school.

Pottawattamie Youth Council is a two-year activity Alora is involved in. The mission is to develop philanthropy among the thirty members in determining groups to receive certain monies which are provided by Iowa West Foundation and other community groups.

Youth Salute is new in this area. It involves attending a conference in the fall where awards

are presented and two are selected to go to the national conference.

As a junior, Nowlin was selected to attend HOBY, a week long camp, designed to help the attendees develop leadership skills.

This summer Alora attended Girls State, which is a five-day boot camp in politics. 300 girls attended. She was elected to be a "State Central Committee Delegate" to help develop the party platform. She also became a Deputy Treasurer. She was selected as the recipient of the 2018 Outstanding Girls State Citizen Scholarship of \$5000.

Alora has continued in Girl Scouts since kindergarten. She participates in GSAD, an advanced group to plan events for younger girls. She is working on the Gold Award, which is almost like the Eagle Scout. Her project is to increase volunteerism for teens through the use of a website.

She enjoys volunteering at Jennie Edmundson Hospital and the Council Bluffs Library and she has begun to volunteer in politics. She plans to apply for a political internship in Des Moines during the second semester.

### Meeting Minutes

Keith Denton called the meeting to order. Thirteen members were present plus one guest, Alora Nowlin. Keith Denton and Dee Gutttau shared jokes followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chad Gutttau's birthday today was observed. Thank you, Dee, for the good cinnamon rolls.

Bill Vorthmann won the 50/50 Award and Ann Vorthmann won the Attendance Drawing, but was not present.

Bragging Rights were given to Dale Willenborg to announce he and Diane were having a garage sale today. Keith Denton contributed to announce his sister, Karen Harris, is moving back from Las Vegas. Kirk Vorthmann donated to announce that his freshman granddaughter,

Ashlyn made JV in Volleyball. Bill Vorthmann contributed to announce he had gone to the Zoo and was impressed with how nice it is.

Keith Denton shared some pork facts. The Girl Scouts currently have the can kennel. Sortings will take place Aug. 22 and Sept. 5.

The meeting was adjourned after the presentation with the stating of the Optimist Creed.

### **MORE IOWA HUMOR**

#### **You Know You are From Iowa if:**

- **You know what cow tipping and snipe hunting is.**
- **You carry jumper cables in your car.**
- **You drink “Pop”.**
- **You have no concept of public transportation.**
- **You have no problem pronouncing “Des Moines”.**

*Remember: All guests are welcome! Come be informed and enjoy the fellowship. The coffee is on and donuts are available*

#### **Calendar**

Aug 22 Can Kennel Sorting – Girl Scouts

#### **Birthdays**

Aug 23 Judy Guttau

#### **Anniversaries**

Aug. 13 Jerry & Barb Hempel

Aug. 25 Gary & Julia Funkhouser

#### **Programs**

August Judy Guttau

September Linda Danker

October Bill Vorthmann

#### **Speakers**

Aug. 18 Mick Guttau, VN Helicopter Pilots Monument Dedication

Aug. 25 Deb Masker, SWI Leadership Academy

Sept. 1 Topic: Treynor School Bond Issue

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