



Treynor Speech

Marilyn Long, the speech teacher at Treynor for 11 years, spoke to the Optimist Club on June 12. She originally taught grades 10-12, but now teacher 9th and 10th grades. Every student has to take speech.

Speech contests begin the end of January with the District Contest. Students and groups need a Division I rating to go to the State contest. This year seven students went to the State contest in individual categories, along with the group improvisation. There is one judge for the district contest and three for the state contest.

Students can compete in a variety of areas, including radio news, mime, acting, and storytelling. The main challenges in speaking are fear and getting enough practice time. Girls often have to work on projecting and not being timid.

Mrs. Long graduated from Fremont Mills High School and went to college at Iowa State University. She met her husband at ISU. They have three children. Her favorite speech is Susan B. Anthony's speech on suffrage.