



**Club Officers for 2009-2010**

President	Gary Guttau	487-3248
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**Board Members**

2008-2010	2009-2011
Judy Guttau	Linea White
Gary Funkhouser	Bob Hibbard
Eric Allen	Chuck Nielsen

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**Report of Recent Club Speakers**

Ed Veldheisen, interim pastor at Zion Congregational church and a new member in the club, spoke at the Optimist club on September 26. He is fluent in Dutch and English. He was invited to teach in the old Soviet Union and stayed there seven years.

Ed's grandfather grew up in the Netherlands and had ten children and five acres of land. His father was born in the Netherlands in 1896 and came to the United States with his parents in 1910. His father had the philosophy "What can I do for my country?" and taught that to his children. Ed was the only one in his family who sent to college.

Ed spent some time in Belarus. People there were very welcoming of people from outside the country, because they were not allowed to travel outside the country. Looking around, it almost appears like Stalin is still alive, since his picture is everywhere.

Minsk, the capital of Belarus, looks like one of the newer cities in Europe. It has been destroyed many times, beginning with Napoleon. Before World War II there were 240,000 people living in the city. After the war there were 60,000. During the war, Russia lost as many people as all other countries combined.

Todd Gordon, the Treynor school Athletic Director, was the speaker on October 3. He presented a variety of statistics about Treynor athletics. Treynor won the All Sport Championship Award last year for the third time in four years. Todd believes in a total sports program as part of a total activities program. Therefore, sports and other activities have to work together on scheduling.

In Treynor, 65%-70% of students participate in athletics. About 90% participate in some type of school sponsored activities. The sports activities would not be possible without many volunteers also.

Todd is about the only Athletic Director in the country who uses Twitter, a social networking internet site, to update scores and send text messages to followers. He has over 100 followers, including his father.

Todd would like to create a Hall of Fame room for the Treynor schools. That will take several years before it becomes a reality.

**Meeting Minutes**

There were 17 members and one guest at the meeting on September 26. Dick Baber opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Guttau gave the opening prayer. Dee Guttau was recognized for her birthday the past Tuesday. Kevin Underwood contributed to the Youth fund for bragging rights. Dale Willenborg won the 50/50 drawing and Rocky Saar won the attendance drawing but did not collect it.

Dennis White reported that dictionaries have been ordered for the third grade.

At the meeting on October 3, Gary Guttau, the new President, called the meeting to order. Dennis White gave the opening prayer. There were 16 members and one guest present.

The final can sorting was completed for the Music Boosters. Gary Guttau and Gary Funkhouser helped with can sorting. October can kennel will be Silver Keg Feeders 4-H. State Governor Culver also declared October as 4-H recognition month.

Arlyn Norris, Jim Clausen, Richard Vorthmann, Gary Funkhouser, and Bob Hibbard helped with ticket taking for the football game. Many members helped with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Treynor Optimist Club on Sunday, September 26. Arlyn Norris won the 50/50 and Chuck Nielson won the attendance drawing.

**CALENDAR**

October proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H.

Oct 14 – Can Sorting, 3:30 p.m.

Oct 28 – Can Sorting, 3:30 p.m.

**Birthdays**

Sept 30 Tim Greiner

Oct 17 Marsha Underwood

Oct 29 Bill Vorthmann

**Anniversaries**

Oct 6 Eric & Kelly Allen

Oct 13 Dale & Dianne Willenborg

Oct 17 Dennis & Kay White

**Speakers**

Oct. 10 - Bob Mantell, The summer baseball program

Oct. 17 - Jon Jacobson, Treynor Foundation

Oct. 24 - Spencer Hawk, Hugh O'Brien Youth Camp

Oct. 31 - Holly Schwietz, Goodwill.

**Programs**

Oct – Gary Funkhouser

Nov – Steve Irvin

Dec – Jim Clausen