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Nicaragua

Naomi Moore will be starting her second year at the University Of Northern Iowa, in preparation for a degree to teach special education. She was part of a group from UNI to spend two weeks in Nicaragua studying their culture and education system.

Naomi gave her presentation in a slide show. Her first slide was a picture of the Managua, Nicaragua landfill, with a cow eating. She said people lived at the dump. It did not fill the reports visions from the song, "Managua Nicaragua is a Wonderful place".

Nicaragua is in Central America, between Honduras and Costa Rica, is a little smaller than New York state, and has a population of nearly 6 million. Managua is the capitol city with a population of nearly 2 million people. Naomi said there were animals walking everywhere, the dogs were starving. Nicaragua is the second poorest country in the Caribbean right above Haiti. The native Indian population speaks Spanish and is Catholic dating back to Spanish Conquerors in the 1600's.

They have no mandatory education system. Some of the elementary classes have as many as 60 students. Many of the girls as young as 12 are forced into prostitution and have babies with no way to take care of them. Naomi and her group visited The House of Hope which works on getting the girls out of prostitution and taking care of the babies. Naomi helped take care of the babies when she visited.

They visited The Center for Development in Central America (CDCA) a non-profit organization seeking to address human needs created by poverty in hopes helping communities become self-sufficient, sustainable, democratic entities. They provided dental, pediatric, OBGYN, and other medical care.

Naomi said she enjoyed trip, saw a lot about poverty, which made her realize how fortunate we are in the United States.

Mission Trip

Megan Godfrey spoke at the Optimist Club on August 14 about her internship for Athletes in Action this summer. She spent eight weeks at their world headquarters in Xenia, Ohio. Athletes in Action is part of Campus Crusade for Christ.

In Xenia, Ohio, Athletes in Action has four dorms, a sports complex, and is building a large indoor facility. They host camps and retreats, especially for sports activities. They also send out sports tour groups to minister.

The sports teams spend one week in Xenia, then go to various countries. Since it involves sports, they can go to countries that are closed to religious activities. This summer they sent teams to China, India, and countries in South America.

Megan worked from May 29 until July 31 in sports performance. Athletes for Action is on 30 campuses and sends out 50 tours per year. They have 60 full time staff and had 17 interns this summer.

Meeting Minutes

The Treynor Optimist Club met August 7 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. They had 18 members and three visitors, Jean Stephens, Mark Moore and the speaker Naomi Moore. Gary Guttau opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Dick Baber gave the opening prayer.

We celebrated Chad Guttau's 40th Birthday with a song. Chad Guttau won the 50-50 drawing and Dennis White won the attendance drawing. Gary Guttau, Jeff Jorgensen and Dick Baber gave the report on the Zone Meeting held in Elk Horn. Gary Guttau introduced the Speaker

On August 14 Gary Guttau opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Abbott gave the opening prayer. Dee Guttau and Gary Funkhouser provided jokes. The club celebrated Chad Guttau's 40th birthday with a song.

Gerald Forristall contributed to the Youth Fund because of he was lowan of the Day at the State Fair on August 18. The Silver Keg Feeders collected \$536.05 from the can kennel.

Gary Guttau won the 50-50 drawing. Dennis White won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. There were 17 members and 9 guests in attendance.

There was a board meeting after the club meeting on August 14 with five members in attendance. The main discussion was about the banquet on Sunday September 12. There will be a meal, entertainment, and an auction.

CALENDAR

Next Can Kennel sorting on Wed, Sept 15 and 29, 6:00 p.m. for SWI Honor Band.

Flags – Put up on Sept 4 after meeting. Take down Sept 11 (Patriot Day) at 6:00 p.m.

Sept 12 – Club celebration, "Celebrity Waiters", Down on the Farm theme. Social 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00 p.m.

Birthdays

Aug 11 – Chad Guttau (celebrated)
 Aug 23 – Judy Guttau

Anniversaries

Aug 9 – Tim & Janet Greiner
 Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hemmpel
 Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhauser

Speakers

Aug 7 - Naomi Moore, Trip to Nicaragua
 Aug 14 – Megan Godfrey, Mission Trip
 Aug 21 – Beth Lindquist, Executive Director of the Union Pacific Museum
 Aug 28 – Greg Forristall, Iowa State House of Representatives

Programs

Sept – Eric Allen
 Oct – Steve Irvin
 Nov – Arlyn Norris
 Dec – Chuck Nielsen/Keith Denton