

# The Optimist Club of Treynor, IA **NEWSLETTER**

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## Report of Recent Club Speakers

Emily Dunbar, a sophomore at Treynor, was the speaker at the Optimist Club on November 7. She lived in England with her parents for two years and returned to Treynor this fall for school. They moved to England in August 2007 while her mother worked there.

Emily attended school there for two years. The school year runs from August until July. The school subjects are arranged different than in the United States because she took chemistry, biology, and physics all in the same year. Her school headmaster was like the one in Harry Potter movies. Everyone wears a uniform for school, both in public and private schools.

School there is very relaxed. Emily had no homework. Homework also does not count toward your grade, only tests. Graduation is at the end of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Then many youth go to college for two years. After that they can go to the University.

While in Europe, she traveled to Scotland and several countries in Europe, including France, Italy, and Norway.

Emily has many relatives in Italy. The family visited them for Christmas. While in Europe she enjoyed every place they visited, from relatives in Tuscany, Italy, to beautiful Norway where they experienced less than three hours of darkness at night; from school trips in Paris, to Edinburg Castle in Scotland.

## **Meeting Minutes**

There were 16 members and two guests at the Optimist Club meeting on November 7. President Gary Guttau opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Judy Guttau gave the opening prayer. Gary Funkhouser, Dick Baber, and Linnea White provided jokes. Gary Funkhouser won the 50-50 drawing and Kelly Sutherland won the attendance drawing, but did not collect. Linnea

White brought some pears that were auctioned for contributions to the Youth Fund.

The Optimist Zone meeting will be November 16 at Zion church in Treynor at 6:30 p.m. The community is invited.

There will be a fundraiser for new youth sports fields on Saturday evening, November 21. It will include a talent show, supper, silent auction, bingo, and other activities. Optimist Club members have been asked to run the bingo. Times have not been determined.

Next weeks speaker will be Bob Mantell who will talk about the financial literacy program at the Treynor Schools.

**NOTE: Starting November 21, the Optimist** Club will meet at the Treynor Community Center building, starting at 8:00 a.m.

### **CALENDAR**

November proceeds for the Can Kennel will be for the Trevnor Cub Scouts.

Nov 11 – Can sorting, probably 3:45 p.m. Nov 25 – Can sorting, probably 3:45 p.m..

## **Birthdays**

Nov 8 - Mick Guttau

Nov 18 - Dianne Willenborg

## **Anniversaries**

Nov 21 - Les & Milli Harvey

Nov 22 - John & Carol Klein

Nov 25 - Ward & Suzanne Chambers

### Speakers

Nov. 14 Bob Mantell - Financial Literacy Program at **Treynor Community Schools** 

Nov. 21 Jane Jorgensen - Life Sciences instructor and national certified athletic trainer at Treynor High School

Nov. 28 No Meeting

### **Programs**

Nov – Steve Irvin Dec - Jim Clausen

How you know you are addicted to Volleyball:

your family never has to ask where you've been when they look at you clothes and see sand or grass

you size up everyone you meet as a potential teammate/opponent.

everytime you see something falling to the floor, you dive for it.

you consider setting a performance art, because there is nothing more beautiful then the perfect set.