



### Ethnomusicology

Cynthia Schmidt talked at the Treynor Optimist Club on August 13. She is an ethnomusicology professor. Ethnomusicology is defined as "the study of social and cultural aspects of music and dance in local and global contexts."

Cynthia attended Treynor, then went to Iowa State University for two years, to the University of Iowa for two years, spent a year in Nigeria, then got her MS and Doctorate at UCLA. Her father worked at TS Bank for 77 years. She is a cousin of Mick Gutttau.

During Cynthia's year in Nigeria, she saw a lot of vitality in the people, even though the country was at war at that time. Many professors there were jailed. She recognized what a small world this is, because in one house she visited, she saw a picture of her sister standing next to the homeowner's sister. The people in Nigeria show a lot of sympathy for others. When Cynthia went to UCLA she had more of a cultural shock than going to Nigeria.

Cynthia worked on her Master's degree in Trinidad. Then she taught school at the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California. She has taught and studied many other places, always on a three year assignment.

Cynthia is currently cataloging musical instruments from around the world. She has 3000 so far. She has made at least 34 trips to Africa and is teaching at Rhodes University in South Africa.

### Meeting Minutes

Judy Gutttau provided jokes for the Optimist Club meeting on 13 August. President Dennis White opened the meeting with the pledge and Steve Irvin offered the prayer.

The club celebrated Judy Gutttau's birthday and Gary & Julia Funkhouser's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with songs. Richard Vorthmann contributed to the Youth Fund in recognition of his granddaughter competing for queen at the Iowa State Fair.

Morgan Jacobsen came to collect her scholarship award. She is majoring in Accounting at the University of Iowa and plans to get an IPP in Spanish. She had four years of Spanish in High School. She would also like to study abroad, probably in Latin America.

Jeff Jorgensen won the 50/50 drawing. Dennis White won the attendance, but did not collect. There were 14 members and 2 guests at the meeting.

There was a brief Board meeting after the club meeting. The Board approved purchase of dictionaries for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at \$1.75 each. The club will also have a poster and brochures at the Multi-cultural event at the school on September 6. The next Optimist District meeting will be September 12, 6:30, probably at Zion church.

### Calendar

- Aug 31 – Can Kennel sorting for Wrestling Team, time: 6:00 p.m.
- Sept 6 – Treynor Multi-cultural night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Sept 12 – District meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Zion church.

### Birthdays

- Aug 11 – Chad Gutttau (recognized)
- Aug 23 – Judy Gutttau
- Sep 9 - Arlyn Norris
- Sep 10 - Milli Harvey
- Sep 19 - Bob Hibbard
- Sep 30 – Tim Greiner

### Anniversaries

- Aug 9 – Tim & Janet Greiner
- Aug 13 – Jerry & Barb Hempel
- Aug 25 – Gary & Julia Funkhauser
- Sep 26 – Bill & Ann Vorthmann

### Speakers

- Sept 3 –
- Sept 10 –
- Sept 17 –
- Sept 24 –
- Oct 1 -

### Programs

- Sep – Jeff Jorgensen
- Oct – Gary Funkhouser
- Nov – Arlyn Norris
- Dec – Chuck Nielsen

An Illinois man left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately, when typing her address, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen: Dearest Wife,

**Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. P.S. Sure is hot down here.**