

## **October 4, 2024 Meeting Highlights**

Alaina Reeves greeted Maggie Kleisath

Birthdays this week: Maxine Lane, Steve Kleisath, Terri Ellis, John Zuehlke, Michael Miller

Anniversaries this week: Dean & Vicki Feldman

### **Free breakfast winners**

- **Present: Charlie Clark and Alaina Reeves**
- **Not Present: Mark Haas and Emily Dreessens**

Paul Budden drew the 10 of Diamonds in the Joker Draw

Members present signed a get-well card for Pat Moxness Weier who was recently hospitalized for a kidney infection

Carter Cushman was inducted as a new member

Speakers for the rest of the month

- October 11 -- Terri Ellis will be talking about rafting the Main Salmon River in Idaho
- October 18 -- Jim Boebel will be giving a tour of the middle school renovations. Park in the main entrance lot and proceed to the Learning Center (library). A light breakfast will be furnished.
- October 25 -- Bill Mitchell will be presenting an overview of various exhibits and programs

### **Summary of the October 1 Board Meeting**

Bob Hundhausen presented the treasurer's report for the month ended September 30, 2024

The finance committee will be meeting to discuss the 2024-2025 budget and CD investment options.

Members are needed to throw out candy for the float in the UW-P Homecoming parade. Contact Maxine Lane if you are interested.

Jerry Schewe relayed information on how members may be eligible to have up to \$100 of their dues paid by Grouper. Go to [www.hellogrouper.com/optimist](http://www.hellogrouper.com/optimist) to determine your eligibility.

A new webmaster is needed. Contact Bob Hundhausen if you have knowledge on how to use WIX or are interested in learning.

The Fellowship Committee had initially planned a potluck social for October 19, but there appears to be lots of conflicts arising with that date. A survey may be coming shortly to get members' input on what kind of socials, how many socials, etc. should be planned.

There will be a meeting on Friday, October 11 at noon at A&W for those who cannot make it to the normal 7:00 breakfast. Nothing fancy or long, but a chance to get to know other members. Order lunch from the menu.

### **October 11, 2024 Meeting Highlights**

Those attending included Jim Boebel, Brad Brogley, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Terri Ellis, Mark Essex, Linda Foht, Beth Frieders, Bob Hundhausen, Dianne Jentz, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Michael Miller, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Libby Sides, Bob Stephens, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz.

Free breakfast winner reminders: Alaina Reeves, Mark Haas and Emily Dreessens

Bob Stephens greeted Doug Martin

To the delight of almost everyone, Wayne Wodarz drew the Ace of Clubs for the Joker Draw.

In Bob Hundhausen's bit of useless trivia, he told about hearing Timothy Leary speak at UW in 1985. Leary had spent some time in Folsom Prison, and the person in the cell next to him was Charles Manson.

**Next week's meeting (October 18) will be at the Platteville Middle School.** The school district will be furnishing a light breakfast, but we are asking members for a voluntary \$5 donation to help offset the cost.

Terri Ellis spoke about her edventure of rafting the Main Salmon River in Idaho from August 21 - 29.

### **October 18, 2024 Meeting Highlights**

Those attending included Jim Boebel, Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Brad Brogley, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Bob Hundhausen, Dianne Jentz, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Tom Nall, Alaina Reeves, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ron Weier, middle school principal Kim Zielinshi, and business administrator Demetri Andrews.

Free-will donations were taken to offset the breakfast items the school district furnished. Jim Boebel said the money will be deposited to the district lunch account and be used to clear student accounts that owe money.

There was no mystery greeter or Joker Draw due to meeting at the middle school.

Happy birthday to Diane VanNatta (October 22) and Carley Borcharding (October 25), and happy anniversary to Kim and Barb Woodworth (October 21).

Get well cards for Gene Weber and Bob Weier were circulated so members could sign them.

Next week's speaker will be Bill Mitchell, who will be talking about arts in the community.

School superintendent Jim Boebel highlighted the various areas of the middle school that were affected by the recent remodeling and then allowed members to view the changes themselves.

### **October 25, 2024 Meeting Highlights**

Members gathering for breakfast included Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Brad Brogley, Chris Budden, Pau Budden, Charlie Clark, Amy Coffey, Terri Ellis, Mark Essex, Linda Foht, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Dianne Jentz, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Michael Miller, Tim Murphy, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Libby Sides, Bob Stephens, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Victoria Hundhausen attended as a guest.

Chris Budden greeted Maggie Kleisath for this week and Dianne Jentz greeted Brad Brogley for last week.

Tim Boldt drew the three of diamonds for the Joker Draw.

A sympathy card for Tim Murphy, on the passing of his sister, was distributed for members to sign. A thank you note from the Historic Re-enactment Committee was also distributed for members to read.

Happy birthday to Carley Borcharding (October 25), Ken Kamps (October 28) and Clinton Langreck (October 29).

Announcements:

- the Board will meet via Zoom on Monday morning (October 28) at 7:00 am
- Maxine Lane gave a brief summary of the SWIS District conference held this past Saturday in DeForest. Speakers included Gary and Eileen Engelke and their son, Ben.
- The P-Vegas dinner to raise money for the Community Fund will be held November 8.
- Katie's Garden Haunted Halloween area premieres tonight (October 25).
- Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army will begin after Thanksgiving. Be looking for a sign-up sheet.
- Country Kitchen will be having a spaghetti dinner on November 15 as a fundraiser for the PHS Dance Team.

Alaina Reeves presented Amy Coffey with her certificate as the 2023-24 Chuck Thalmann Award recipient. Amy was not able to attend the installation / awards banquet.

- **Optimist of the Year -- Becky Schambow**
- **Outstanding Member -- Dianne Jentz**
- **Chuck Thalmann Service Award -- Amy Coffey**
- **President's Citation -- Bob Hundhausen**

Next week is the monthly business meeting. We will also be reviewing our membership as we draw names for free breakfasts to be used in November. Two breakfasts are awarded to two members present and two members not present.

Bob's Useless Facts of the Week: Started by two high school boys that were Jewish immigrants, Superman debuted in 1932. The Superman "S" is the second most recognized symbol in the world (behind the Christian cross). Raised on midwestern farm values, Superman is based on the story of Moses.

Bill Mitchell was this week's speaker. He updated the members on the happenings of the Rountree Gallery, talked about the function of the Wisconsin Arts Board, and spoke about the importance of the Public Arts Fund (Wisconsin is last in the nation at arts funding at only 18 cents per person in tax revenue allocations).