

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

Currently Meeting 7:00 AM Fridays at Country Kitchen, Hwy 151, Platteville, WI



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PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST WEEKLY MEETING: September 27, 2019

Attendance: 26 members – Jim Boebel, Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Penny Droessler, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Bob Hundhausen, David Jones, Maggie Kleisath, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Robert Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Wayne Wodarz, Terry Wood, Tim Wood.

Guests: President Schambow acknowledged and welcomed Kristy Scoville and Jessica Jerry, our speakers this morning. She also welcomed Rod Thomas who has turned in his application to be a new member, returning after many years.

Mystery Greeter: Fern Nall was the recipient of the lucky handshake from mystery greeter Penny Droessler.

Anniversaries: Joan and Kevin Bahr celebrating today, Sept. 27; Brad Mootz and wife on Sept. 29 and Janelle and Pete Davis on Oct. 3.

Birthdays: Doug Martin has a birthday on Oct. 2.

Joker Draw: Steve Lane held the lucky ticket but was not a winner, drawing Jack of spades.

Mail /Thank You Notes /Club Acknowledgements / Special Announcements:

- President Schambow passed around a Get Well card to send to Maxine Lane following foot surgery. Also a Thank you/Congratulations card to Maxine for her many years as secretary to the club and on her new position.

Old Business / Reminders:

- Reminded all those that had signed up about the Installation Banquet on Sunday – Cocktails at 5:15 and Supper at 6:00. If anyone wanted to pay this morning Duane will collect payment and mark you paid. Otherwise payment at the door on Sunday – cost is \$20 per person.
- Volunteers are still needed to take minutes at the weekly Friday morning meetings (not the business meetings). President Schambow put together a template for a simplified version. (And I have to say that it works quite well.)

New Business: None

Program: Linda Thomas introduced Kristy Scoville from Agrace. Jessica Jerry was also here to help answer questions from the perspective of one of their social workers.

Kristy is a registered nurse and grew up in Livingston, obtaining her Associate Degree in Nursing from Southwest Technical College. She has been with Agrace for 18 years and is currently the Clinical Team Manager.



Kristy explained that Agrace was founded in 1978 in Madison and currently has offices in Madison, Janesville, Baraboo, Rockford, IL, and Platteville. They are nonprofit, community-supported, serving 950+ hospice patients/day and have 900+ volunteers. They are affiliated with UW Health and UnityPoint Health-Meriter.

She explained the HospiceCare program is a blend of medical, emotional and spiritual care. It is for people of any age with a life-limiting illness, a life expectancy of six months or less, with the primary goal of comfort, not cure.

They team with the patient and their family. The team can consist of a Registered Nurse, a Social Worker, a CNA option, Spiritual & grief counselor, volunteers, your Physician. They will come to you wherever you are. Hospice care is covered by Medicare/Medicaid and some private insurance.

Agrace has two inpatient facilities – Janesville and Fitchburg. They also have contracts with the hospitals in Platteville and Darlington. They can arrange Respite care for five days for families to get away. They can also provide Continuous care at the end for 24 hour pain crisis.

There is a Foundation that supports Agrace to provide “Care for All” for those that do not have any insurance. They don’t turn anyone away. There are also Thrift Stores in Madison and Janesville that support them.

She also talked about PalliaHealth by Agrace. This is supportive care during serious illness, available at any point in the illness while you continue curative treatment. The focus is on quality of life-physical, emotional and social. This is covered by Medicare Part B or a supplement insurance with co-pays. Time allowed for Q and A.

October speakers coordinated by Tom Nall and Dan Engelke

- October 11th – Dr. Jeff Kueter – Air Force Experiences / Serving past presidents (Becky)
- October 18th – Lynn Parot – Domestic Abuse Mot Family Advocates (Fern/Tom)
- October 25th – Jenna Phillips – Platteville Farmers Market (Dan)

Highlights of Meeting Recorded by: Linda Thomas