

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, March 3, 2017

Attendance: 22 members attended – Duane Borgen, Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Mike Olds, Arnie Roper, Jerry Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Diane Van Natta, Gene Weber, and Bob Weier

Guest: N/A

Mystery Greeter: Beth had fun as the greeter and Bob Stephens was pleased to receive the honor.

Monthly Breakfast Draw: The following are eligible for a FREE breakfast in March: Present at the meeting are Maxine Lane and Beth Frieders. Not present were Tom Nall and Ann Cooley.

Joker Draw: Winning the \$2.00 today was Duane Borgen who drew the 9 of Diamonds. At this time the pot is up to \$280.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: John Urness will celebrate on March 5th. No anniversaries.

Years of Membership: Tom Jonas (1972), Duane Borgen (1980), Phil Swift (1981), Hap Daus (1988), George Byykkonen (1992), Kohn Dutcher (1992), Dean Feldman (1992), Howard Crofoot (1997), Bill Van Deest (2001), Doug Martin (2005), Ron Weier (2009), Fern Nall (2011), Kevin Haertzen (2013). Congratulations to everyone.

Card for Sandy: We signed a card wishing Sandy Swift good luck and speedy recover for her foot surgery.

Business Meeting:

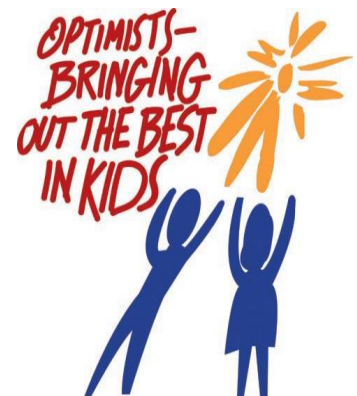
Finance/Administrative:

Asst. Treasurer, John Urness updated the membership with the balance information in both the internal and you accounts as approved by the board. Beth Frieders made a motion and Bob Weier seconded it to accept the update. Motion carried. John informed the membership that he was passing out the post cards to the people who need to make their membership current.

Youth Activities:

*Doug Martin reminded us that Saturday, April 23rd will be the date for Tri-Star Basketball tournament at the UWP-Bo Ryan Court. The City Recreational Department will partner with us to make the event happen. Watch for the signup sheet.

*Gary Munson reported that the Essay contest had 39 entries. Information about the results of the contest is included in Maxine's latest newsletter. The deadline for the oratorical contest is March 6th. So far no one has entered the contest. Gary stated that he has reached out to past participants and the home school students. At this time the students are already involved in Forensics and sports and various other competitions. Bob Weier, Ron Weier, and Howard Crofoot have signed up to judge the competition if there are entrants.



Community Service: Chairperson, Barb Stockhausen had nothing to report.

Membership/Club Building:

Maxine and Eileen talked about the upcoming recruitment Luncheon Saturday, April 8th at the First English Lutheran Church. The board passed a 10-10 incentive plan to help encourage membership. A new member who joins at the luncheon receives a \$10 discount on their dues of \$84. The sponsoring member will also receive the same benefit. Watch for an email with all of the details. RSVP by April 1st if you plan to attend with a prospective new member. People will also be asked to bring salads and desserts.

Publicity/Newsletter:

The board discussed establishing a Facebook page and voted to move forward if they had someone who was willing to take responsibility for the web page. Maxine plans to explore setting up a page for our club. She suggested that we look at the one for the Noon Optimist Club.

Cheese Curds:

Bob Weier announced that he was contacted to sell cheese curds at the Potosi Brewer event on August 26th. Contact him for more information.

Announcements:

**Luke Peters is investigating the possibility of bringing River Board Museum speakers into the city Auditorium and inquired about the possibility of financial support from our club. Board asked for more information before making any commitments.

**Thanks to all for the generous donations to the Platteville food Pantry. We collect \$140 in donations as well as items to be delivered. Thanks for your help.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned.



~~~~Minutes taken and drafted  
for Rooster Call by Fern Nall.

Don't forget to set your clocks  
ahead next weekend.

**UPCOMING SPEAKER:** *March Speakers are arranged by Ron Weier*

March 10: Eugene Tesdahl, UWP, Asst. Prof of History: Historic Encampment,  
March 17: Chris Baxter, UWP Prof of Soil and Crop Science: UWP soil judging  
March 24: Linsay Hollingsworth/Jen Collins, Student Abroad Program,  
March 31: Tim Zauche, Thrivent Charitable giving.