

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

"To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, August 18, 2017

Attendance: 34 Members –Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Janelle Davis, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Mike Hahn, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Mike Olds, Arnie Roper, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Bob Weier, Wayne Wodarz

Guest: Joining us was Stephen and Bennie Brown, father and son of our speaker, Chris.

Mystery Greeter: Ken Kamps was greeted this morning.

<u>Joker Draw:</u> The joker lied quietly on the top of the deck, as Steve Lane cut to reveal the 8 of diamonds. Two extra drawings this morning provided Bob Weier and Becky Schambow with tickets to the Overture Center.

Announcements:

<u>Birthdays/Anniversaries:</u> Celebrating anniversaries, today, August 18, Jim Olds, Ann Klawiter on August 20 and sharing August 22 is Virgil Pufahl and Ken Kamps.

Thank You Notes: n/a

Stuff the Bus: Thank you, to Peggy Compton for delivering our school supplies and cash donations to Vicki Feldman at PMS. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, if you were one of the many members who helped in making this so very, very successful. In addition to many, many supplies, a total of \$608.00 was donated. We also send a special shout out to Carley Borcherding and Gary & Lu Jones for their very generous cash donations.

<u>Cheese Curd Work Schedules:</u> All set for the Grant County Fair, starting Wednesday evening. August 26 we will have a crew at the Potosi Brewfest and will close the 'Cheese Curd Season' with Dairy Days Sept. 8-10. John reminded members to complete the comment sheets when closing down each shift. He also gave an update on the first three shifts, which totaled \$3,500 and were challenged by wind and rain. There was a suggestion from a member for getting Optimist hats for working cheese curds. This will be looked into.





Other:

- *T-shirts arrived. Maxine distributed to those present.
- *Reminder Installation/Awards Banquet is September 24 at Platteville Golf and Country Club.
- *SWIS District Quarterly Conference is August 25-26 in Milwaukee. Gary & Eileen Engelke, Wayne Wodarz and Barb Stockhausen are attending.
- *Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29 at PBII Conference Room

Program: Thanks to Charlie Clark for arranging our speaker this morning, Chris Brown. Chris was joined by his father, Stephen as well as his son, Benny.

A 1989 graduate from Platteville High School, Chris and 'Mr. Clark' had a teacher/student connection and reconnected at the Madison Apple Store, where Chris worked. Chris enjoyed his position at Apple as a sales person, finding solutions for people. He currently is a librarian, once again helping people, which he enjoys.





From early on in his life, Chris had an interest in electric automobiles and has completed years and years of

research. Needless to say, Chris shared his research statistics at the meeting, which is far beyond my comprehension to share with you. In later years, and in part, his interest in electric automobiles was further spurred by doing his part to reduce atmospheric pollution thus leaving a better environment for his son to live and grow. His interest lead to further research on the Tesla Automobile and passion for owing such a vehicle became a part of his 'bucket list'. Chris shared a slide show of various electric automobiles, including his 'dream car', the Tesla. Many members had questions for Chris, all of which were answered.

Weekly Speakers: August Programs, Coordinator(s), Barb Stockhausen August 25 – Herb Cody, QueenB Radio September 1 – Business Meeting

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane

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