

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin Business Meeting – Friday, October 7, 2016

Attendance: 21 Members – Kevin Haertzen, Bob Stephens, Doug Martin, Eileen Engelke, Fern Nall, Howard Crofoot, Tim Boldt, *Bob Weier, *Duane Borgen, *Ernie Thalmann, *Gary Engelke, *Gary Munson, *Hap Daus, *John Urness, *Ken Kamps, *Leon Neuheisel, *Maggie Kleisath, *Maxine Lane, *Ron Weier, *Steve Lane, *Wayne Wodarz (*wearing Optimist shirts)

Mystery Greeter: Ron Weier welcomed members this morning and Eileen Engelke shook hands with Ron just at the right time. Her reward was a free ticket to the Joker Draw.

Monthly Breakfast Draw: Present and receiving a free breakfast during October was Ernie Thalmann and Ron Weier. Members not present and eligible for a free breakfast in October is Tom Jonas and Kathy Kopp.

Joker Draw: Ernie almost had no time to eat his breakfast this morning. After winning a free breakfast, his ticket number was drawn for the Joker Draw. His luck suddenly ended, drawing the Jack of Diamonds and receiving his complimentary \$2.00.

Announcements:

Recognized for years of membership:

Ken Kamps-1970 (Charter Member), Deb McWilliams-1995, Mittie Nimocks-DenHerder-2000, Angie Udelhofen-2001, Ernie Thalmann-2008, Brad Brogley-2015.

Celebrating early October birthdays:

Doug Martin-October 2, Maxine Lane, October 5, Steve Kleisath-October 8, Terri Ellis-October 9.

Wedding Anniversary:

Dennis Helbing-October 11.

BUSINESS MEETING:



Financial Report: Treasurer Ken Kamps reported the internal account has a balance of \$2,489, which includes Joker Draw money of some \$600 and also we received a check of \$448 from the sale of the Football Craze tickets. Gary Engelke encouraged members to purchase these tickets next year as it is a simple way for the club to raise money. Treasurer Kamps reported the Youth Account balance stands at \$18,673, reflecting our initial payment of \$1000 to the Library, which will come back to us with the sale of our raffle tickets.

A request for funding from the Platteville Thrift Shop for their expansion project has been tabled. The Board was rather 'luke warm' on this idea as it does not truly meet our mission. We will bring this back as a topic within the next three months to determine if we want to decline or make a donation as a good gesture.

Doug Martin stated all tickets have been distributed into the hands of members for selling. He requested money be returned to Ken on or before October 21.

Fellowship: Maxine reported we had a great evening on October 5 at Steve's Pizza Palace. It was attended by some 35 members/spouses and we also took time to celebrate Maxine's '39th' birthday.

Membership: President Haertzen announced two new Friends of Optimist; Oakpark Dental, sponsored by Howard Crofoot and Gene Weber, sponsored by Ron Weier.

Miscellaneous:

Honor Club Requirements: In addition to filing all necessary reports, paying dues on time and having a Foundation Representative, a couple requirements have been updated. Rather than being net +1 on membership, the number is now net +3. The other requirement, which is new for 2016-2017 is holding a NOW/recruitment event. Maxine shared a couple ideas, hosting an appreciation dinner/luncheon for the speakers who took time from their schedules to join us at a Friday morning meeting. Another idea Maxine suggested would be a first time POLL event, Platteville Optimist Ladies Luncheon. Tim Boldt also made a suggestion of tying this type event in with Chamber Business after Hours. President Haertzen will discuss further with the Board and come back with some recommendations. Although the idea of a NOW/recruitment event was somewhat controversial, Maxine stated we need to look at the opportunities it presents and think of it optimistically versus pessimistically.

Committees for 2016/2017: New committees are forming for the upcoming year. Many hands make light work and new talent makes for some exciting changes and new ideas. Current committee chairs are:

Dan Engelke, Youth Activities (348-2900)

Barb Stockhausen, Community Service (778-4260)

Eileen Engelke, Membership/Club Building (348-8204)

Becky Schambow, Fellowship/Weekly Programs (732-8981)

Maxine Lane, Publicity/Newsletter (778.7786)

Duane Borgen, Finance*

Bob Weier, Cheese Curd*

*committee is full. Please support your club and volunteer to serve on one of these committees. It does not take a big time commitment and you get an opportunity to network with other members. Call the member Chair today and offer your time and talent.

Weekly Speakers: The signup for coordinating weekly speakers was circulated. If interested in signing up for one of the months, please contact Becky Schambow (732-8981).

October Friday Morning Programs, Coordinator, Becky Schambow

October 14: Grant County's "Kids in Crisis", a newly adopted program within Grant County, presented by Sheriff Nate Dreckman and Beth Keeney.

October 21: Pharmaceutical & Healthcare including medication safety tips, presented by Bryant Schobert, SWHC Retail Pharmacy Manager and SWHC Safety & Risk Manager, Becky Schambow.

October 28: UWP Dairy Program & UWP Cattle Judging Team, presented by Cory Weigel, Dairy Enterprise Manager at University Pioneer Farm and his brother, Ryan Weigel, Vice President of Dairy Sire Procurement for Accelerated Genetics in Baraboo, WI.

Comments from Past SWIS Governor, Howard Crofoot: Howard stated his year was no less than a 'wild ride'. He appreciated all that our club did to support him and he anticipates our District being a Distinguished District. He now has the best job of all, Past Governor.

Minutes taken and drafted for
Rooster Call by Maxine Lane.

