

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Second Time Around

Vision Statement
To impact the lives of youth
in a positive and encouraging manner.

MESSAGE FROM MAX

It is my pleasure to address my colleagues one last time as Optimist Club President.

I asked myself a short time ago, "Have I done everything right?" I chuckled to myself and thought 'who has been keeping track?' The second thought that came to mind, "Have I enjoyed my term as Optimist Club President? Without hesitation the first response that came to mind . . . immensely! What made it so painless and easy was working with such a great group of people who could laugh with you and not at you. Who would understand a blunder now and again and would not judge. People who are willing to accept you, for who you are, not for what you have. I have said it time and again; I wholeheartedly enjoy my Optimist and look forward to a continued relationship going forward. I will work with the incoming administration to help in making our club the 'Club of Choice' within the community.



It would be thoughtless of me if I did not thank the team I was so fortunate to work alongside this past year; Past President, Eileen Engelke, First VP (President Elect), Ron Weier, Second VP, Kevin Haertzen, Sec'y Treas., Ken Kamps (substitute, John Urness), and Board Members, Beth Frieders, Maggie Kleisath, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel and Bob Weier. In the beginning, we set goals and in the end, we accomplished those goals. Thank you for making my job easy

In closing and so as not to disappoint anyone, I'll make one more plea for a member to step forward and fill the position of Second VP. With that said, **believe** not only in your personal abilities/talents but **believe** in those of the members that you will work side by side with on your journey to the well-regarded office of Optimist Club President.

Just Do It For The Kids



I close with two of my most favorite quotes:

Optimistic We Can Make A Difference
Optimistically Energize Your Involvement

ATTITUDE ~ ATTITUDE ~ ATTITUDE

Over time, I've been touched by the "Positive Attitude" of individuals in challenging situations. In particular I recall a family member who battled a serious illness for several years before it finally claimed his life. I recall how he dealt with his challenges. He always had a smile, a kind word, and was optimistic he would defeat his illness. He continued to live his life to the fullest.



Within our Optimist Club, we all face challenges day after day, year after year. Our *Optimist Creed* supports each of us in upholding a 'Positive Attitude'. Faced with unknown challenges, our members continue to smile and brighten other's days. Often families that experience tragedy have a much different perspective and choose to live each day to the fullest. This sentiment sometimes fails to register with us until we experience similar events. However, we can benefit from the lessons these individuals display in their daily lives.

Attitude can be defined as: an expression of favor or disfavor toward a person, place, thing or event. Attitude is a choice. You can choose how you respond to people or events. It takes some work, but you can have a "Positive Attitude." Someone once wrote, "Waiting for something to change in order to be happy is waiting to live your life." We all face challenges and some are bigger than others. How we choose to respond will determine our happiness, our optimism, even our success.

"When negative walks thru the door...Walk Out! Because negative doesn't like to be alone with his thoughts!

Choose to be **HaPpY!**
Look at the **Bright** Side!
Choose to be **Optimistic!**



WELCOME WAGON

It is my pleasure to welcome two Friend of Optimists members to our club. For the benefit of new members, a 'Friend of Optimists' may be someone who does not have an Optimist Club in their area, or they may not have time to dedicate to a local Optimist Club. They believe in the Mission of Optimist International "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in kids", and the efforts of a local club. We invite them to participate when time permits, invite them to social gatherings and keep them informed on what our club is doing through emails and newsletters. . . .



*It is with Optimistic Enthusiasm We Welcome
Tim Hoffman, Warco Transportation (and)
Tom Segwarth, Country Kitchen/Dairy Queen*



Tim Hoffman joined in July, 2015. The home office, Warco Transportation is located in Bloomington, WI; however is well known throughout Southwest Wisconsin and beyond. In addition to transporting children for several school districts, of which the Platteville School District was recently awarded to Warco Transportation, the company also has motor coaches that tour throughout the United States. We are delighted to welcome Tim and Warco Transportation to our Club.



Also joining as a Friend of Optimist in July, we welcome Tom Segwarth. Providing sweet treats (Dairy Queen) and good home cooking (Country Kitchen) to the community and many travelers who pass through Platteville, Tom is a former President of Platteville Regional Chamber and continues to be a supportive business person within the community. It is a pleasure to hold our weekly meetings at Country Kitchen and to welcome Tom to our Club.

It's "all about" What we're "all about"

NEW 2015 YOUTH and COMMUNITY EVENTS

Your Board has been busy the past 12 months, and we are excited to share the new events we have adopted to expand our efforts in reaching out to youth.

In the area Youth Events, we sponsored a Flick and Float at the Platteville Public Swimming Pool. A night of swimming fun along with a movie for children.

In the Community events, we expanded by two, adding a sponsorship to College for Kids and Stuff the Bus with school supplies. Many member donations were graciously accepted along with a cash donation being made from the Club. Suggestions for other events are always welcome!!

2015 Installation and Awards Banquet

It is my pleasure to cordially invite members, spouses/guests to our annual Installation of Officers & Board of Directors and to join with me as we recognizing 4 members for their efforts this past year.



Date:

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Location:

Benvenuto's

Time:

5:15 Cocktails/Social

6:00 Dinner Buffet

Appetizer Bread with evoo/herb dip

Garden Salad or Caesar Salad

Meat Lasagna ~ Chicken Alfredo

Mixed Steamed Vegetables

Crème Puff Delight~Lemon Cake~Cookies

Soda ~ Ice Tea ~ Coffee ~ Milk

Cost:

\$10.00 per person

(includes gratuity)

RSVP your reservation to Maxine Lane
608.348.7758 or msmacy105@yahoo.com
on or before September 21, 2015



MONTHLY/WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Many thanks to Maggie Kleisath, Kevin Haertzen and Doug Martin for serving as speaker coordinators for September, October and November, 2015. We have had weekly programs to someone that would share with our members, please make contact with any one of these members.



OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

September

01 – Board Meeting 7AM PBII
07 – Labor Day
11,12,13 – Platteville Dairy Days
23 – Autumn Begins
26 – Suicide Prevention Walk/Run
27 – Awards & Installation Banquet
29 – Board Meeting 7 AM (Oct)



October

03 – Optimist Social
31 - Halloween



November

01 – Return to Standard Time
03 – Election Day
03 – Board Meeting
11 – Veterans' Day
26 – Thanksgiving Day
27 – No Friday morning meeting
Dec 5 – Thursday's Child Jingle Bell Run/Walk



TIME FOR CHEESE CURDS

Perfect weather + outstanding volunteers + a quality product resulted in an outstanding fund raiser at the Grant County Fair. A truly stellar event!! It takes a team that 'clicks' to put out 950 lbs of cheese curd in a way that people will stand in line and wait for them. When you hear comments such as "we waited all year for these" "they are worth waiting for" or 15 minutes before you are opening, people are wondering how long before they will be ready, you know you are doing something right. Many, many thanks to the members who could work the Grant County Fair into their schedules and **BIG THANK YOU** to those members who worked more than one shift.



A **BIG BIG THANK YOU** to the people who work behind the scene, Gary Engelke, John Urness, Ken Kamps and Steve Lane. From purchasing/pricing the curd, mixing the batter, driving to pick up the curd, delivering curd/batter to work site, managing the work schedules, arranging the startup money, depositing daily proceeds, buying propane, monitoring supplies, etc., etc., these members deserve to be acknowledged. Your effort is greatly appreciated.

www.swisdistrict.org

Visit the SWIS District web site www.swisdistrict.org Within 'District Clubs', click on featured clubs to find our web page within the SWIS District web site. Scroll down to Platteville. That's Us!! Pictures, events, and more!!

Vision Statement

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The Board of Directors and Officers are delighted to share our Vision Statement, which speaks to our purpose.

REMARKS FROM RON , President Elect

Greetings to all members. I am anxious to serve as your President for the upcoming year. Maxine has done an unbelievable job this year and it will be a hard act to follow. Luckily, she will serve on the administrative team for another year. I have a strong belief in the Optimist Creed and it had a big influence on which service club to join. For years I worked out of town and missed connecting with many good people of Platteville. The morning speakers are always a highlight of my week in addition to breakfast with friends. I am always amazed at the willingness of our members to serve the youth of the Platteville community. While serving as President of the United Way, we generated lots of money that was distributed to many organizations including the youth. With Optimist it seems like we get to experience a closer connection to the youth that we support. May our vision continue to be fulfilled in the upcoming fiscal year!



CONGRATULATIONS HOWARD CROFOOT



Ken Kamps and Maxine Lane had the pleasure of attending the 4th quarter SWIS District Conference and being a part of the installation of the newly elected officers and Board Members of the SWIS District Optimist. Howard will be serving as the SWIS District Governor for 2015-2016. Howard is the second Optimist Member from our club to serve as the SWIS District Governor as Jerry Schewe previously served in this capacity.

Our club is fortunate to have the quality of people who can lead an organization and believe in our mission. Having attended the four quarterly conferences, it is incredible to see the energy of members from other clubs within the SWIS District and to hear about what they are doing to reach youth in their communities. There are 55 clubs within the SWIS District of which all 55 are working to "**Bring Out The Best In Kids**".

STORY OF THE ONE DOLLAR BILL

On the rear of the One Dollar bill, you will see two circles. Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish and two more years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. We had not begun to explore the west or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the Capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

'In God We Trust' is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, Annuit Coeptis, means, 'God has favored our undertaking.' The Latin below the pyramid, Novus Ordo Seclorum, means, 'a new order has begun.' At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776 (MDCCLXXVI).

If you look at the right-hand circle, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and secondly, he wears no material crown. At the top of that shield there is a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. In the Eagle's beak you will read, 'E Pluribus Unum' meaning, 'from many - one.' Above the Eagle, we have the thirteen stars, representing the thirteen colonies.

Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

An (untrue) old-fashioned belief says that the number 13 is an unlucky number. You will almost never see a room numbered 13, or hotels/motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: America, which relies on God (not a number) to direct and lead, boldly chose: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the pyramid, 13 letters in 'Annuit Coeptis', 13 letters in 'E Pluribus Unum,' 13 stars above the eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if look closely, 13 arrows. And finally, notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle. You will see that they are arranged as a Star of David.

Most American children and/or adults are not aware of this. Share a part of our history.

Please send announcements, events, birthday/anniversary dates to Maxine at msmacy105@yahoo.com for sharing in our newsletter. Your contributions are appreciated.

SHARING SPECIAL EVENTS

Happy Birthday Wishes Go Out To . . .

September

04 – Deb McWilliams
05 – An Roper
19 – Stacia Sephenson



October

02 – Doug Martin
05 – Maxine Lane
08 – Steve Kleisath
09 – Terri Ellis
22 – Diane VanNatta
28 – Ken Kamps

November

17 – Lori Velte
18 – George Byykkonen
18 – Mike Old



Happy Anniversary Wishes To Member & Spouse. . . .

September

04 – Deb McWilliams
08 – Charlie Clark
Moots
14 – George Byykkonen
19 – Mike Olds
29 – Brad



October

11 – Dennis Helbing
18 – Kathy Hottenstein
26 – Ron Weier



November 11 – Doug Martin

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST

September

1982 – Kim Skemp
1987 – Wayne Wodarz
1989 – Terry Vaassen
1992 – Jerry Schewe
2002 – Charlie Clark
2003 – John Adams

October

1970 – Ken Kamps
1995 – Deb McWilliams
2000 – Mittie Nimocks
2001 – Angie Udelhofen
2008 – Ernie Thalmann
2013 – Stacia Stephenson

November

1989 – Anne Klawiter
1989 – Jim Olds

Congratulations go out to . . .

Grandpa Duane Borgen on the addition of a new granddaughter, Melody Louise Borgen, July 11, 2015.

Grandpa Doug Martin on the addition of a new granddaughter, Emrey Lynn Furrer, June 18, 2015.

Doug Martin on being elected to the Wisconsin Bankers Association Board of Directors.