

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

SECOND TIME AROUND

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



As I prepare to transfer the title and responsibilities of President to Eileen Engelke, a couple thoughts come to mind that I would like to share with our members.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve our Club as President for the past year. Through your support, my job was made much easier. I ask that you provide the same level of support to Eileen. I'm positive she will do an outstanding job in continuing to promote growth to our organization and uphold our status within the community.

I would also like to thank those members who shared their time and talent in volunteering for the many committees we have to effectively accomplish our mission of supporting youth. To those who were unable to work time into your schedule this past year, I know you will be called upon in the very near future. It takes many hands to make light work and new committee members bring creative ideas to the table.

As you are called upon to fill a position on the Board, serve in an officer capacity and/or serve on a committee, please step forward. You will find the challenges to be very few and the sharing of ideas with fellow Optimists very enjoyable. This also brings to mind the Optimist Socials. Free your calendar to join an event. You will find the camaraderie to be most enjoyable with good food, good fun and shared with good people.

Signing off as President, but always to be an Optimist.

Mike Olds

FROM OUR PRESIDENT ELECT



WOW!!! What have I gotten myself into???? I have some very large shoes to fill and, needless to say, it is quite intimidating.

Rather than focusing on my inexperience, my fears, and all the other reasons I have to be nervous, I'm focusing on the many, many things I have going for me. They number into the 70s....our Optimist Club Members. They have been there for me in the past and I am Optimistic they will have my back as President during the upcoming year.

I have been an Optimist member for the past nine years. The Optimist Club makes up my circle of friends, for both Gary and me. As a parent and grandparent, it is a passion to make a better place to live, work and grow for not only our children and grandchildren but youth in general. Needless to say, that is what was of primary interest when I first considered a membership.

Yes, over the many, many past years, I do have some very large shoes to fill. Over the next twelve months, I may stumble, but I will not fall. I look forward to the accomplishments as well as the challenges. Working with the upcoming Board of Directors, team of officers and members who serve on various committees....watch out 2014, here we come.

Suggestions are encouraged and always welcome as to how we can improve our club and grow our membership.

Eileen Engelke

OPTIMISTS OUT AND ABOUT

If you had an opportunity to join one of our two social events earlier this year, you can attest to the fact that a good time was had by all.



Doing a bit of catch up, a big thank you to Ron Weier for taking the lead and organizing our pizza and euchre tournament back on March 9. We will include wife Jan and brother Bob in the thank you as they also shared in making this a great evening.

We also send our Thanks to Leon and Madge Neuheisel who hosted the second social for 2013 at their home on June 8. Mother Nature cooperated and gave us a lovely afternoon/evening. We enjoyed a few beverages, met the challenges and competition of a bean bag tourney and enjoyed delicious food with a potluck. Thanks to Ken Kamps and wife Lois, as well as Doug Martin and wife Kathy, for bringing the recipes for their cauliflower dish and chocolate torte, respectively, to the Optimist Meeting the following Friday morning. Kathy Martin and Maxine Lane will be up to the challenge next year of defending their championship title.

Watch for announcements of upcoming social events.

CHEESE CURDS

LIVINGSTON FESTIVAL

With summer comes our major fundraising opportunities....Cheese Curds. New in 2013 was selling our signature cheese curds at the Livingston Festival on June 22. Mother Nature started out with an attitude on Friday evening which delayed some of the events, thus delaying afternoon and evening activities. Our team, Gary & Eileen Engelke, Bob Weier, John Urness, Kevin Haertzen and Steve and Maxine Lane, was well prepared to meet the demands of the crowd. As the sky threatened with an approaching storm, we were feeling optimistic as it was passing west of our location....until it changed direction. The team of seven huddled inside the cheese curd trailer through torrential rain, wind and hail. This caused us to close down early and headed back to Platteville. As we approached the village of Arthur, you guessed it, the pavement was dry. The Livingston Festival will definitely be on our schedule in 2014.



GRANT COUNTY FAIR

We could not have done it without you! Thank you to our members for once again stepping up to help out with the many tasks that go into



providing our cheese curds to the many people attending the Grant County Fair. The great weather brought out an extra large crowd of people. Unfortunately we sold out of curd by 8:30 Saturday evening, resulting in no sales on Sunday. This is not all doom and gloom, we still exceeded last year. All expenses are not accounted for at the time of this newsletter; however, we grossed approximately \$11,600, some \$500+ over last year.

POTOSI BREWFEST

When the word gets around about the quality of our signature cheese curds, requests from local community events continue. A team of four, Beth Frieders, Steve and Maxine Lane, and Bob Weier, answered the call from the Potosi Brewfest on August 24. Scheduled from noon to 5:00, things started slowly but when the crowd found us, we went into high gear. In addition to 80 lbs. of curd, we sold 96 bottles of water. Pending expenses, our gross sales for the day came in at \$1,100.00.

PLATTEVILLE DAIRY DAYS

Always well attended. Watch for an update in the December issue of The Rooster Call 'Second Time Around'.

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST 2013 VOLUNTEER



Congratulations to Maxine Lane, recognized at the annual Chamber Party in the Park as the 2013 Optimist Volunteer. A member since 2009, Maxine has served as a member of the Optimist Board of Directors and effective September 2013, will be First Vice President. Earlier this year, Maxine was instrumental in the development of the new Optimist brochure, is the current chairperson of the Youth Activity Committee, is a member of the Fellowship Committee and is also actively involved with the team responsible for Publicity/Newsletter. Aside from this, Maxine was the recipient of the Chuck Thallman Service Award in 2011 in recognition of outstanding years of service, loyalty and devotion.

2013 BIKE SAFETY

Many thanks are due to the members who worked to bring together the new format for our annual 'bike rodeo'. The team that came together included Duane Borgen, Virgil Pufahl, Tim Boldt, Kevin Haertzen, Diane VanNatta, Gordy Gimski and Maxine Lane. The program was presented at the Platteville Police Department the afternoon of Party in the Park and was attended by nine children along with four parents. Guest speakers were Tim Ingram, from Momentum Bikes, Julie Pluemer from Vaassen Pluemer CPA and Officer Andrea Droessler from the Platteville Police Department. The speakers stressed the importance of bike safety from individual points of view, relative to safety of bike maintenance and gear, biking in traffic and being properly equipped for long and/or short trips and following traffic laws, hand signals and what to do if approached by a stranger while on your bike. The children received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Momentum Bikes, compliments of the Platteville Optimists, in addition to coupons from Dairy Queen and Berry Yo.



FLASH TO THE FUTURE

September

2 – Labor Day
6-7-8 – Dairy Days Festivities
22 – Autumn begins
22 – Optimist Installation Banquet



October

5 – UW-P Homecoming vs. Eau Claire
14 – Columbus Day
31 – Halloween



November

3 – Daylight savings time ends
5 – Election Day
11 – Veterans' Day
28 – Thanksgiving Day



NOON OPTIMIST GROUP **SPONSORED EVENT**

Come Out and Show Your Support

Don't miss the family fun with the hilarious



VS

Platteville All-Stars

(an eclectic group of local leaders and celebrities)

**Thursday, October 24,
2013**

7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30)

Platteville High School

TICKETS

\$5.00 in advance, \$6.00 at the door.

Call 608.732.7801 for more information.

Harlem-style comedy basketball featuring high-flying slam dunks, games with the kids, and hilarious comedy!

**Complimentary autograph session with the
Harlem Ambassadors after the game**

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO Optimist Kid Programs

*You and your spouse
and/or special guest
are invited*

Installation Banquet

2013-2014

***Optimist Club Officers
& Board of Directors***

Red's on the Course

Sunday, September 22, 2013

Cocktails & Social - 5:15

Dinner - 6:15

(we will be ordering from the menu)

Program to follow

Past President: Mike Olds

President Elect: Eileen Engelke

First VP: Maxine Lane

Second VP: Ron Weier

New slate of Directors -

Doug Martin

Leon Neuheisel

Bob Weier

Remaining Directors -

Charlie Clark

Fern Nall

Diane VanNatta



Make your reservation today with

Maxine Lane

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Please RSVP on or before 9.16.13

**SHARING SPECIAL EVENTS
WITH
FELLOW OPTIMISTS**

Happy Birthday

September

5 – Arnie Roper

October

2 – Doug Martin

5 – Maxine Lane

9 – Terri Ellis

28 – Ken Kamps



November

18 – George Bykkonen

18 – Mike Olds

Happy Anniversary

September

8 – Charlie & Joyce Clark 'Celebrating 40 Years'

14 – George & Diane Bykkonen

19 – Mike & Tonia Olds

October

26 – Ron & Jan Weier



November

11 – Doug & Kathy Martin

Welcome

'New' Future Optimist



Congratulations go out to

Duane Borgen, 3rd grandchild, Grace Lynn, born on August 27.

Diane VanNatta, 1st grandchild, Phoenix James, born on July 31.

Phil Swift, 4th grandchild, Lydia Kay, born August 9.

Please continue to send your events to Maxine at msmacy105@yahoo.com for sharing in our newsletter. Thank you to those who responded with birthdays and anniversaries. If you have not sent in your information, next newsletter comes out in December.