

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, March 31, 2017

Attendance: 28 members attended –Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Mike Olds, Becky Schambow, Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Phil Swift, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier and Wayne Wodarz

Guest: We had three guests with us this morning; Tim Zauche and Jeff Breit, our speakers and Donna Gavin a friend of Beth Frieders.

Mystery Greeter: Doug Martin greeted Tim Boldt with a luck hand shake.

Joker Draw: Lucky ticket today belonged to Dave Jones who drew the 7 of Diamonds to break in the new deck of cards. He smiled as he received the \$2.00 from Charlie Clark.

Announcements:

**** Please email Maxine Lane your reservations by Monday** to sign up for the Membership Spring Lunch on Saturday, April 8th from 11-1 pm at the First English Lutheran Fellowship Hall. At this time there are four members and 5 prospective members signed up to attend

****Tri-Star Basketball** will be held on April 23rd at UWP. Two or three more members are needed to make the event run smoothly. A signup sheet will be circulated at the meeting next week.

Program: Ron Weier introduced our speakers for today. Tim Zauche, a professor at UW-P for 18 years, who now works as a general securities representative and life and health insurance licensee for Thrivent. Jeff Breit, his mentor, who is in charge of increasing expansion of Thrivent membership in Southwestern Wisconsin.

They provided us with the background of Thrivent. Thrivent used to be Aid Association for Lutherans and Lutheran Brotherhood Association. Fifteen years ago the two groups consolidated to form Thrivent and they served Lutherans and churches. Three years ago Thrivent changed to a Christian based membership and opened their services to all Christians. To become a member of Thrivent, you need to apply and your membership is approved by the board.



Ron Weier presenting Jeff Breit and Tim Zauche with Optimist pens after their presentation this morning.

They went on to explain that Thrivent wants to encourage leadership in their members by empowering them to make good decisions, plan for their future, and inspire generosity in their community. Both of them talked about the ways Thrivent encourages their members to give back to their communities using Thrivent funds. Thrivent is a 501c8 and they like to help qualifying 501c3 organizations. You may contact Tim Zauche for more information.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned.

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

**UPCOMING SPEAKERS** *April Speakers are arranged by Maxine Lane*

April 7 - Business Meeting

April 14 - at Platteville Municipal Airport w/tour  
Coffee/Juice/Pastries/Fruit (donations)

April 21 - We will have the pleasure of hearing our essay and oratorical candidates  
Kaelyn Weigel, Sarah Iselin (Essay Contest Winners) w/parent  
Clarissa Sexton (Oratorical Winner) w/parent  
Jay Geisen, Sarah Droessler (teachers)

April 28 - Troy Maggied, Executive Director, Southwest Wisconsin Regional  
Planning Commission (SWWRPC)  
(Open discussion on how to retain young professionals in SW WI)

