

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Friday, May 22, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-five Optimists, with ten (Ken, Charlie, Leon, Ernie, Steve, Maxine, John, Tom, Barb, and Bob) wearing their Optimist shirts.

Mystery Greeter: **Becky Schambow** greeted **Tim Boldt**.

Joker Draw: **Kevin Haertzen's** ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. Kevin drew the Ace of Diamonds and rec'd \$2.00 for his efforts at trying to find the Joker.

Business Meeting:

- ++ This is the first week that we met at Country Kitchen. A big thank you to them for having us.
- ++ Maxine was pleased to present Max Frommelt with the \$1,000 Optimist scholarship. She read a copy of the letter presented to him.
- ++ Happy Birthday to Becky Schambow who also thanked the club for remembering her with a card for the surgery on her hand.
- ++ Barb Stockhausen and John Adams will celebrate their 33rd anniversary this week.

Program:

Our speakers today were Lisa Roh assisted by Lori Velte. Lisa Roh is on the Board of Directors for Thursday's Child, a Wisconsin based organization that grants wishes to terminally ill children.

Lisa became familiar with the organization in 1993 when she was working in Madison. She became associated with Thursday's Child again in Platteville and serves on the board.

Thursday's Child is a local organization out of Mt. Hope formed in 1984 that grants wishes to terminally ill children in southwest Wisconsin or doctoring in Madison. The group has several fundraisers during the year. Maxine participated in the Jingle Bell Run, a 5k walk-run, which she and Lisa encouraged the club members to join. It will be held on



President Maxine, our speaker Lisa Roh, and fellow Optimist Lori Velte.

December 5th this year (watch for future information). Other fundraisers are an annual trail ride which is partnered with TriCor, and Turkey Run held the first weekend in November.

Through her position at WACO Travel, Lori Velte has helped grant a wish. She told of how a girl named Kayla wanted to swim with the dolphins. With her health conditions she wasn't able to get in the water. Lori contacted Sea World and other people to allow Kayla to swim with the dolphins. In the end Kayla was provided with a specially made dry suit to allow her to go in the water. Her brother and father accompanied her on her trip to Sea World. She was so thankful for the experience. Lori had fun watching her reaction to the develops it took to make the experience happen. Lori will not forget helping Kayla and Kayla still is in touch with her.

You may go online for more information at www.thursdayschildwisconsin.org
This group is supported by local contributors and benefits local children. Lisa and Lori both encouraged us to donate to this worthy cause.

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It's good (and fun!!) to take a bath once in awhile.