



Platteville Optimist Club Monthly Highlights | October 2021

Vision Statement: "To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"

2021-2022 OFFICERS: Howard Crofoot, President; Melissa Palfrey, Vice President; Tom Nall, Past President; Duane Borgen, Treasurer; Fern Nall, Secretary

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Leon Neuheisel, Steve Lane, Terri Ellis, Jordan Holthaus, Joan Bahr, and Alaina Reeves

PUBLISHED FOR MEMBERS ON October 31, 2021 Due to COVID-19 the Board of Directors has been meeting via Zoom, with our most recent meeting held on Sept 28, 2021. The following "Governing Board & Committee Updates" below were reported to the Membership at their Business Meeting on October 1, 2021.

GOVERNING BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES FROM MEETING

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Treasurer's Report:** Financial Report dated September 28, 2021, was presented by D. Borgen, Treasurer. L. Neuheisel moved to approve the report, seconded by S. Lane. Motion carried.
- ✓ **Cashier Report:** Duane will set up a monthly schedule of people to collect money at the weekly breakfast beginning in October.
- ✓ **Financial Review:** Duane discussed the difference of a review of the financial transactions and an audit. Club needs to be sure that one of the two options is completed by December 31st, 2021.

YOUTH:

- ✓ President Howard indicated that Debi Sigwarth, his assistant, is beginning to set up the Santa Calling information and make it digital for access online.
- ✓ Tim Bolt mentioned that we should check into Tri-Star basketball and get it on the calendar as the Fieldhouse is open with requirements to wear masks and social distance.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:

- ✓ Howard had received information from OI about establishing a day of community service performed by service organizations in the community. After discussion he will talk to Kiwanis and see if something could be done in the spring.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Installation Banquet:**

The 2021 Installation banquet was held on Sunday, September 26th from 4:30-7:00 pm at the Platteville Country Club with 28 people in attendance.

 - Awards presented by President Tom Nall:

Optimist of the Year	Linda Thomas
Outstanding Member of the Year	Terri Ellis
Chuck Thalmann Service Award	Wayne Wodarz
President's Citation	Howard Crofoot
 - Zone 5 Lieutenant Governor, Nancy Sutherland installed the 2021-2022 Officers and Board of Directors
Officers:

President	Howard Crofoot
Vice President	Melissa Palfrey
Treasurer	Duane Borgen
Secretary	Fern Nall
 - Board of Directors:
Terri Ellis, Leon Neuheisel, Steve Lane, Jordan Holthaus, Joan Bahr, and Alaina Reeves

✓ **Speakers for October:**

- October's Coordinator is Doug Martin.
- October 8, 2021- John Gantenbein and Howard Crofoot- Highway Improvement project
- October 15, 2021-Lisa Schmitt and 3 Cadette Girl Scouts-their Silver Awards
- October 22, 2021- Samuel Pinchart, Ag Teacher talks about the Ag program at the high school
- October 29, 2021-SWIS District Governor, John Fons.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

- ✓ **MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** Duane reported that 62 dues notices were sent, 16 didn't respond, 6 didn't renew.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE:

- ✓ Steve informed the board that the awning on the trailer needs to be repaired. Discussion was held about the cleaning of the trailer and moving it to storage.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ **Secretary/Treasurer Positions:** The board officially voted to accept Duane Borgen as Treasurer and Fern Nall as Secretary for the 2021-2022 year. Motion by M. Palfrey, seconded by T. Ellis, motion carried.
- ✓ **Preliminary 2021-2022 Budget:** Duane presented the preliminary budget for 2021-2022
- ✓ Duane clarified that the miscellaneous account was for requests received outside of the normal requests.
- ✓ **Approval of the budget:** Motion by L. Neuheisel to approve the 2021-2022 budget as amended. S. Lane seconded. Motion Carried. Budget will be approved at the October 1, 2021, meeting.
- ✓ **2021-2022 List of Projects:** Board discussed the List of Projects. T. Ellis suggested that we add Platteville Children's Choir to the list.
- ✓ **Approval:** Terri Ellis made a motion to approve the amended Project List, Seconded by Alaina. Motion carried.
- ✓ **Thank You Notes:** Notes were received from the Platteville Library for the "Tails and Tales" program and the Summer Reading Program and Platteville School District for the \$300 donation to the Platteville School District School Supplies Fund.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next meeting will be Friday, October 1, 2021, at Country Kitchen at 7 am- John Gantenbein and Howard Crofoot
- ✓ Next board meeting will be Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 7am via Zoom
- ✓ Motion to adjourn made by L Neuheisel, seconded by D. Borgen. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ✓ Thank you notes
- ✓ Review of financials
- ✓ 2021-2022 List of Projects

Board report submitted by: fern Nall, secretary

OCTOBER 1ST, 2021 – BUSINESS MEETING

ATTENDEES: There were 21 members in attendance including: Joan Bahr, Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Steve Elvidge, Eileen Engelke, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Eileen McCartney, Tim Murphy, Fern and Tom Nall, Melissa Palfrey, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz

BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by Howard Crofoot at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimist Creed.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy Birthday to Caroline Kroll today (October 1st), Doug Martin (October 2nd), Dan Engelke (October 3rd), Maxine Lane (October 5th), Steve Kleisath (October 8th) and Terri Ellis (October 9th). Celebrating membership Anniversaries this week are Ken Kamps (October 1, 1970), and Rod Thomas (October 2, 2019).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✓ Notes were received from the Platteville Library for the “Tails and Tales” program and the Summer Reading Program and Platteville School District for the \$300 donation to the Platteville School District School Supplies Fund.

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Mystery Greeter: Tom Nall greeted Carley Borcharding.
- ✓ Joker Draw: Melissa Palfrey Carley Borcharding who drew the 2 of spades.
- ✓ Free Breakfast Drawing started this month. Present: Ron Weier and Tim Bolt. Not present: Austin Palebitski and Brad Brogley.
- ✓ Past President T. Nall presented awards to those who weren't in attendance at the Installation banquet.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT & COMMENTS: Howard reviewed Board and Committee updates from Board's September 28th board meeting as noted above. Members approved Board's motions as follows:

- ✓ Approved the Treasurer's report for period ending 9.28.21. Board approved, second by R. Weier. Motion carried.
- ✓ The Bylaws require the club by to conduct a financial review or audit before December 31, 2021. Duane and Howard will check into this further.
- ✓ Approved Duane Borgen as Treasurer and Fern Nall as secretary for 2021-2022.
- ✓ Approved the 2021-2022 Budget following discussion. Motion by A. Reeves, second by D. Engelke, motion carried
- ✓ Approved the 2021-2022 List of Projects funded by donations from the club.
- ✓ Tim Bolt mentioned that we should check into Tri-Star basketball and get it on the calendar as the Fieldhouse is open with requirements to wear masks and social distance.
- ✓ Installation banquet was a success. Reviewed the list of officers and board members installed and the recipients of the awards for 2021.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- ✓ Howard announced that Vice President Melissa Palfrey will be leading the next board meeting on November 5th as he will be attending a conference.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next meeting is Friday, October 8th, at 7 am at Country Kitchen – John Gantenbein and Howard Crofoot
- ✓ Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, October 26th, at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 7:50 am.

Minutes were recorded by Fern Nall

OCTOBER 8TH, 2021: JOHN GANTENBEIN AND HOWARD CROFOOT

ATTENDEES: There were 32 members in attendance including: Guest speaker, John Gantenbein, Jim Boebel, Tim Bolt, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Penny Droessler, Deb Elvidge, Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Tim Murphy, Tom Nall, Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by H. Crofoot at 7:03 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy Birthday to Steve Kleisath (October 8th) and Terri Ellis (October 9th). Happy Anniversary to Dean & Vicki Feldman (October 10th). No membership or FOO anniversaries.

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Mystery Greeter: H Crofoot greeted Chris Budden.
- ✓ Joker Draw (led by C. Clark): Bob Hundhausen drew Charlie Clark's ticket. Charlie cut for the 7 of spades.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

GUEST SPEAKERS: John Gantenbein and Howard Crofoot

John is the Project Engineer for the Highway Safety Improvement Project on Business Hwy 151, and Howard Crofoot is Director of Public Works for the city. John graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and was involved in the 2006 HWY 81 and 2012 HWY 80 projects.

Howard presented information about the data behind the project, cooperation between the city, local sponsors and Department of Transportation, project development, sources for the project funding, bidding of the project and the project's timeline.

John presented the various phases of the project. He brought one of the satellite imaging devices used for calculating elevation and site location on the project. This system uses 18 satellites to provide accurate information for the project. The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer period.

SPEAKERS FOR THE REST OF THE MONTH:

- ✓ October 15th, 2021 – Lisa Schmitt and 3 Cadette Girl Scouts will talk about their Silver Award projects
- ✓ October 22nd, 2021 – Samuel Pinchart, Agriculture Teacher at the Platteville High School will talk about the agriculture program at the high school.
- ✓ October 29th, 2021-

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next meeting: Friday, October 15th at 7am at Country Kitchen-Lisa Schmitt and Maggie Kleisath
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 26th, at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Adjournment: 8:05 a.m.

Minutes were recorded by Fern Nall, Secretary

OCTOBER 15TH, 2021: LISA SHMITT AND MAGGIE KLEISATH

ATTENDEES: There were 28 members including: Tim Boldt, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Melissa Palfrey, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Lisa Schmitt, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, and Wayne Wodarz

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by H. Crofoot at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy birthday to John Zuehlke (October 10th).

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Mystery Greeter: H. Daus greeted Dan Engelke.
- ✓ Joker Draw (led by C. Clark): Maggie Kleisath drew Doug Martin's ticket. Doug drew the Queen of Hearts.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

GUEST SPEAKER: Lisa Schmitt and Maggie Kleisath

Howard Introduced Maggie and Lisa, who are both members of the club, to talk to us about Girl Scouts.

Lisa Schmitt has been a Girl Scout leader for 20 years. She explained her involvement with Girl Scouts over the years and how she became the leader of the Cadets. Cadets are girls between the ages of 15-18 who work to achieve a project they choose, design, and carryout from their handbook. Lisa provided us with a detailed explanation of the each of the three projects completed by the three Cadets she works with including the requirements for the badge, the timeline for their projects, involvement with the community and support they received to complete their projects. She recognized our club members who had worked with them to complete their projects.

Maggie Kleisath, Platteville Girl Scout Community Coordinator, talked about the strength of the troops through covid, number of active troops in Platteville, and difficulty getting volunteers to be leaders. The goal of Girl Scouts is to turn the girls into leaders through their weekly activities and sales of cookies. She explained that if you don't want to purchase cookies, you can donate money to the Girl Scouts. Remember to designate that you want your donation to serve the Platteville Girl Scouts.

Thank you, ladies, for the boxes of cookies which you gave to club members using the Joker Draw tickets.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next meeting: Friday, October 22nd, 2021-Samuel Pinchart
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 26th, at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Minutes were recorded by Fern Nall, Secretary

OCTOBER 22ND, 2021: SAMUEL PINCHART

ATTENDEES: There were 25 members and 2 guest attended and participate including: Joan Bahr, Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Tyler Dornink (guest), Terri Ellis, Deb & Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Mark Essex, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Tim Murphy, Melissa Palfrey, Samuel Pinchart (guest speaker), Alaina Reeves, Jerry Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The meeting was called to order by President H Crofoot at 7:01 a.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed were recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

GUESTS WITH US TODAY:

- ✓ Tyler Dornink, guest of Alaina Reeves came to observe our club meeting. He is a Financial Advisor for Edward Jones who will be opening an office in Darlington, WI. He is also a member of the Darlington Optimist Club.
- ✓ Sam Pinchart, our guest speaker

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy Birthday to Diane VanNatta on October 22nd, Carley Borcharding October 25th, Ken Kamps October 28th. Happy Wedding Anniversary to Ron and Jan Weier on October 26th.

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Mystery Greeter was Jerry Schewe who greeted Tim Murphy.
- ✓ Joker Draw (led by Charlie Clark): Winning ticket holder was Joan Bahr who drew the 7 of Hearts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Howard was approached by a member of the Kiwanis club, which is celebrating 100 years in 2022. They are looking to do a joint celebration and community service project in spring or summer with all service clubs. I think this will fit well with the proposed project set by OI President Patsy Garner and it will allow us to congratulate their club for reaching this milestone. This will be discussed as the next board meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER: Sam Pinchert

Sam Pinchert is the current agriculture instructor at Platteville School District. He grew up in Northeastern Wisconsin and was heavily involved with his family farm and leadership organizations surrounding agriculture. He attended South Dakota State University to earn his bachelor's degree of Science in Agricultural Education.

Sam highlighted the three R's that he likes to focus on in a classroom setting: Relationships, Rigor and Relevance. Relationships: He works hard to promote a culture of inclusion and make sure the students know that he cares. Rigor: He encourages students to ask "why" when studying topics in his class to prepare them for collegiate success. Relevance: he infuses applications to real life scenarios and hands on activities to prepare students for career success. Outside the classroom, he helps students with leadership roles and personal growth through his involvement with FFA (Future Farmers of America). He is excited for some upcoming advancements in their curriculum including increased utilization of the Plant Science Learning Center (the green house) and some studies in Aquaculture.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next Meeting: Friday, October 29th, with SWIS District Governor Jon Fons
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m. Minutes were recorded by Alaina Reeves

Minutes submitted by Alaina Reeves for Fern Nall

OCTOBER 29TH, 2021: SWIS DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN FONS

ATTENDEES: There were 26 members participating: Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Mark Essex, Mike Hahn, Doreen Hlavaty, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Tim Murphy, Fern & Tom Nall, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The meeting was called to order by President H. Crofoot at 7:02 a.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed were recited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✓ *Thank You Notes-* Platteville High School for donation to “Halloween Highlights” and Girl Scouts

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy birthday to Jeff White (November 7th) and Brad Brogley (November 9th). Happy Membership Anniversary to Mark Essex November 1st (2019) and Anne Klawiter on November 1st (1989).

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Bob Stephens was mystery greeter and greeted Paul Budden
- ✓ Alaina Reeves led the Joker Draw. Tom Nall drew the 8 of Spades.
- ✓ Tom Nall earned the sippy cup.
- ✓ Alaina Reeves dropped her phone in her breakfast.

GUEST SPEAKER: SWIS District Governor John Fons

John is a member of the Madison Sauk Trails Club. He graduated from University of Wisconsin with a degree in American History and has lived in Madison for 20 years. His presentation today was about how to stay optimistic in situations that you feel are impossible. He showed how to use optimism to journey through these impossible situations, keep your optimism strong during impossible situations, and how to let optimism carry you into the future or next situation. Being optimistic, appreciating history, and the beauty around him, he fell in love with a dilapidated wagon. Through his slideshow and presentation, he shared the journey of the many years it took him to research the wagon, the people he met, and the resources he used to restore the wagon to its original state: ready to use. The course of that journey as it tried his optimism and included points where he wanted to give up. The result was the beautiful wagon. He will use his optimism in the future to move it off the property where it sits so that it can be used. From his presentation, John wants us to remember to “use your own optimism when you are in an impossible situation, keep it strong through your journey, and let it carry you onto the next impossible situation.”

SPEAKERS FOR NOVEMBER: Speaker Coordinator is Doug Martin

- ✓ November 5, 2021 – Business meeting
- ✓ November 12, 2021 – Wayne Wodarz, Executive Director of the Platteville Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ November 19, 2021 – Jeff Gard, University of Wisconsin-Platteville Men’s Basketball Coach
- ✓ November 26, 2021 – No meeting

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next Meeting: Friday, 5th, our monthly business meeting
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 2nd, at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 7:55 am.

Minutes submitted by Fern Nall, Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS NEXT MONTH:

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Jeff White** – November 7th
- ✓ **Brad Brogley** – November 9th
- ✓ **George Byykkonen** – November 18th
- ✓ **Mike Olds** – November 18th
- ✓ **Joy Schewe** – November 24th
- ✓ **Linda Foht** – November 25th
- ✓ **Mary Sieckman** – November 25th

NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- ✓ **Doug (& Kathy) Martin** – November 11
- ✓ **Barb Deis (& Tim)** - November 20

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- ✓ **Mark Essex** – November 1, 2019
- ✓ **Anne Klawiter** – November 1, 1989
- ✓ **Joy Schewe** – November 16, 2015
- ✓ **Dan Engelke** – November 19, 2015

NOVEMBER FRIENDS OF OPTIMIST ANNIVERSARIES:

- ✓ **Bel-Aire** – November 2018