

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Friday, January 23, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-four Optimists, with six (Bob, Charlie, Steve, Maxine, Leon, and Gary) wearing their Optimist shirts. Laura Pederson, a guest of Gary Engelke, has intentions of joining our club. Welcome, Laura!

Mystery Greeter: Gary Engelke greeted Hap Daus.

Joker Draw: Leon Neuheisel's ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. With an unlucky 13 cards left in the deck, Leon drew... THE JOKER!! (See picture at right.) Leon will receive half of the pot, which has a balance of approximately \$1300. Way to go, Leon!! Next week we will start a new Joker Draw with a new deck of 54 cards (including two Jokers).

Business Meeting:

++ The Dime-a-Day is currently at 25 with about one week to go.

++ Gary Munson talked about the progress of the Essay and Oratorical Contest. Things are moving ahead. Essay contest topic/theme is "Optimism Should Be A Priority"; oratorical topic is "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press On To 'Greater Achievements of the Future'."

++ In light of our club's plans to remember Milt Rewey, who died earlier this week, Maxine consulted with long time member and secretary/treasurer Ken Kamps, who recommended increasing the amount the club would contribute to memorials for deceased members. A motion to increase from \$25 to \$50 was made, seconded, and approved. Related to this, Maxine said that those members interested and available to participate in an Optimist 'memorial salute' to Milt Rewey will meet at 5:30 PM this evening at the funeral home. Wear your Optimist shirt.

++ Maxine made note that it wasn't too early for the club to be looking for three new board members and a 2nd VP, who would begin serving in the fall. You can "start your campaigns now" by contacting Maxine to indicated your own interest in filling one of these positions ... OR to recommend others.



Business Meeting (cont'd):

++ Leon noted that Habitat for Humanity of Grant County is looking for help in completion of the home they are working on in Platteville. Contact HforH at 348-9119 to get more details about volunteering.

++ Thank you to Stacia Stephenson for coordinating our January speakers.

Business Meeting:

Today's speaker was Asst. Professor Evan Larson, UWP Geography Department. Evan's enthusiasm was contagious. He said he pretty much lives by our creed and was very pleased to be our guest speaker. Evan came to UWP in 2009 just after finishing his dissertation in Minnesota. He teaches Physical Geography which is very much a hands on class. Students study land formations and all that affects them. He had many pictures of the different projects the students have been able to work on and the different areas of the world that they have had to opportunity to visit. Evan works with The Trees Lab at UW Platteville. There's a lot more to Evan's extraordinary and exciting work, and to find more, visit his research site at UW-Platteville << www.uwplatt.edu/Trees >>. It is phenomenal.



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