

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, June 9, 2017

Attendance: 31 members attended – John Adams, Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Janelle Davis, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Mike Olds, Arnie Roper, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Diane VanNatta, Bob Weier, and Ron Weier

Guest: Laura Brown brought her daughter Cati with her today.

Mystery Greeter: Maggie Kleisath was the greeter this morning. Dave Jones was the lucky winner.

Joker Draw: Lucky ticket today belonged to Howard Crofoot and he drew the 8 of spades. After he received his \$2, he drew Bob Weier's ticket for the second prize, a bag of Platteville Chamber of Commerce items donated by Gary Engelke.

Announcements:

***Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Birthday: Ernie Thalmann (6/9) Anniversary: John Urness (6/13)

***Thank-Yous:** Diana Bolander sent one from the Rollo Jamison Museum thanking us for our \$250 donation toward the 2017 Reenactment. Isaac Farrey from Lancaster sent a thank you note for our donation which will enable him to attend a Leadership Seminar.

***Club Recognition:** Our club received a certificate of recognition for the \$796 grant written by Ron Weier and Luke Peters to fund bringing the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium Outreach Program to Platteville. Congratulations!

***Upcoming SWIS District Quarterly Conferences-August 17-20, Milwaukee, WI (Annual Convention)**

****A big Optimistic round of applause for Barb Stockhausen who led the meeting today in the absence of President Kevin Hartzel. This was a good practice to prepare her for turn as president. She was surprised when her husband joined us for breakfast.**

Program: Jim Hibbard, Archivist in charge of the Southwest Wisconsin Room at University of Wisconsin Platteville, shared his presentation about the history of University of Wisconsin Platteville with us today. (Some photos to spark your interest.)



Jim enthusiastically shared a PowerPoint with us which reviewed the history of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville from its beginning until now. He talked about the development of the Normal School, Mining School and State Teachers College. It was interesting to see how the funding was handled as it developed. (Ask one of the members if they ever bought any swamp lands.) Education hasn't really changed a lot in the fact that the name Normal School was chosen to show the founders wanted to be sure that students received a good education with high standards, as we do today.



He showed how you can learn a lot about history through old photos as all photos are taken for a reason. However, discovering the reason may take a while. He used photos to distinguish the different buildings used back then and what they look like today. His photos also showed milestones like the first graduating class and the same class 40 years later as well as examples of events in the lives of the people who attended college back in then.

We all recognize the names Hammer Robins, Lyle Richard, James Wilgus, and Duncan McGregor etc. His stories of their importance to Platteville were enhanced by his photos.

His presentation depicted the development of a lot of things which are important to us today. They included the Platteville seal, which is used on legal documents and diplomas. How the development of competition between the Mining School and Normal School was the beginning of sports at UW Platteville. How Pioneer Pete became our mascot as well as why we are referred to as the Pioneers.

Thanks to Ken Kamps for lining up the speakers for June and introducing Jim Hibbard to our group this morning. We enjoyed the presentation and all of us identified with the history and enthusiasm for UWP that our Jim has.

Weekly Speakers: June Programs, Coordinator(s), Ken Kamps

June 16 – Larry Bowden (Platteville Brewery)

June 23 – Dr. Jeff White (presenter and induction as new member)

June 30 – Brian Allen, EMS Director

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