



Platteville Optimist Club Monthly Highlights | May 2021

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

2020-2021 OFFICERS: Tom Nall, President; Howard Crofoot, Vice President; Dan Engelke; Past President; Duane Borgen, Treasurer; Alaina Reeves, Secretary

2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Doug Martin, Leon Neuheisel, Linda Thomas, Steve Lane, Terri Ellis, Jordan Holthaus

PUBLISHED FOR MEMBERS ON MAY 31ST, 2021 Due to COVID-19, the Platteville Optimist Board and Members have not been able to meet in person since March 6, 2020. To continue Club business, the Board of Directors has been meeting via Zoom, with our most recent meeting held on May 4th, 2021. The following "Governing Board & Committee Updates" below were reported to the Membership at their Business Meeting on May 7th, 2021

GOVERNING BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Treasurer's Report:** Financial Report dated April 30th was submitted by D. Borgen, Treasurer, and approved by the Board.
- ✓ **Notes of Appreciation Received:** Platteville Recreation Department for the Soccer & Swim Team shirts; Platteville Area Pickleball Association for our donation to the Pickleball Courts.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Welcomed Melissa Palfrey to the meeting who joined to observe and learn.

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Nothing to report

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE: Party in the Park is scheduled for July 22nd, will be giving away hot dogs, ice cream & milk.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **May 14th:** Matt Ohms, Field Director for Blackhawk Area Council Boy Scouts (coordinated by W. Wodarz).
- ✓ **May 21st:** Jen Richardson, Audiologist and Deaf/Hard of Hearing teacher. CESA 3 Itinerant Coordinator/DHH (coordinated by M. Lane).
- ✓ **May 28th:** Dave Pluym, Eagle Point Solar (coordinated by B. Hundhausen).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: "NOW" Meeting is being planned for May 22nd, 11-1PM at First English Lutheran Church. Membership non-renewals included Dennis Helbing.

CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE: Maxine sent email out about cheese curds. Keeping the price at \$8 (large) and reintroducing the \$5 (small). Discussed offering a "Family Pack" for \$15. D. Martin motioned to approve the recommendation, seconded by D. Engelke. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Donation request from Family Connections (normally we give them \$600/year) but they did not request it last year. L. Thomas recommended they put their request in this year and we can get it to them by the Fall. D. Engelke motioned to just give it to them now, seconded by D. Martin. Motion carried.
- ✓ Music Boosters: "No Fuss Fundraiser" They asked for a donation, however we donate \$100 every year to them anyway. D. Martin suggest we should if we can, L. Neuheisel suggested we wait until the next budget if we've already sent money out of this year's budget. T. Ellis suggested we should wait until October 1st for this request, and it was

also suggested by H. Crofoot that if we budget for \$200 for Platteville Music Boosters, then we should also increase the contribution to \$200 to Platteville Sports Boosters.

- ✓ Maxine Lane: Jen Richardson, with CESA 3 hard of hearing students, reached out. For some time, we have been looking to be more involved in Optimist's CCDHH. She reached out looking for supporters for covering a deductible for a child without ears who needs a surgery. M. Lane suggested we donate \$500 towards the deductible. L. Neuheisel reminded us that a few years ago someone reached out for help for a child in Cuba City and we decided to keep it to the Platteville area. We will table this decision until after Jen speaks to us on May 21st, and after our budget and sales. L. Thomas motioned we could start with \$250 now and then see what we can do when the new budget rolls around. Seconded by H. Crofoot. Motion carried.
- ✓ H. Crofoot announced that he appointed and accepted Fern Nall to be Secretary for 2021-2022.
- ✓ Discussion about by-laws stating that Treasurers can only serve 3-year terms. OI made this by-law for districts and we have used the recommended amount of years, however the financial review each year is in place to catch things like this. Howard suggested to amend the by-laws to allow Duane to continue serving as Treasurer. L. Neuheisel motioned; seconded by L. Thomas. We need to notify the club at our next meeting but can't call for approval until our June meeting. Then Alaina will adjust the bylaws, then submit the amended bylaw to OI for their concurrence.
- ✓ Another by-law states that spouses cannot serve on the board at the same time.
- ✓ Duane will begin including Melissa on the financial reports as she will be attending our meetings for observation.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next Meeting is Friday, May 7th at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ✓ Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 1st via Zoom.
- ✓ Motion to adjourn meeting made by A. Reeves, seconded by T. Ellis. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 a.m.

BOARD REPORT SUBMITTED BY: ALAINA REEVES, SECRETARY

MAY 7TH VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING

ATTENDEES: There were 24 members, 1 FOO and 1 guest who joined and participated including: Evan Anderson (guest), Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris & Paul Budden, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Mark Essex, Kevin Haertzen, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine & Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Tom & Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Melissa Palfrey (FOO-Family Advocates), Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier & Wayne Wodarz.

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

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: None to report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT & COMMENTS: T. Nall reviewed the April board meeting summary (as listed above).

- ✓ Treasurer's report/Finance Committee: D. Borgen presented the treasurer report; D. Borgen also noted that donations received from members as of April 30th was \$7,440.00.
- ✓ Youth Committee: Oratorical contest winners were: Maria Schmitt, 1st Place (\$200.00); Benedict Drefcinski, 2nd Place (\$100.00); Emily Wiegman, 3rd Place (\$50.00).
- ✓ Community Service Committee: Platteville Swap Date at Fahrey's Sanitation, County Rd B is on May 22nd. Volunteers are needed from 8-3.
- ✓ Membership Committee: NOW Recruitment Luncheon announcement: send the names of possible new members by April 30th to Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Terri Ellis or Carley Borcharding. It is recommended that if you invite someone, you attend the luncheon.
- ✓ Cheese Curd committee: K. Kamps motioned to approve the cheese curd recommendations made in board meeting summary, seconded by D. Engelke. Motion Carried.
- ✓ New Business: H. Crofoot motioned to approve the \$250 given to Jen Richardson (CCDHH – CESA) and consider another \$250 when she applies during budget time. Seconded by K. Kamps. Motion Carried. Regarding the change in by-laws to keep D. Borgen as treasurer: this needs to be sent in writing to the club and then voted on during the June Business meeting on June 4th. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next Meeting is Friday, May 14th at 7:00 a.m. with Matt Ohms from Boy Scouts
- ✓ Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 1st at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ H. Crofoot Motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by K. Kamps. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

MAY 14TH: MATT OHMS – BOY SCOUTS

ATTENDEES: There were 22 members and 1 FOO who attended and participated including: Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris & Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine & Steve Lane, Tom & Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Melissa Palfrey (FOO-Family Advocates), Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by T. Nall at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by D. Engelke and Optimist Creed led by A. Reeves

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Leon Neuheisel is celebrating his membership anniversary on May 24th (2011).

OTHER CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✓ By-laws change vote scheduled for Friday, June 4th at our Monthly Business Meeting (via Zoom). Official notice letter was sent out on Thursday to 71 mailing addresses.
- ✓ High School Scholarships to be presented on Monday, May 17th.
- ✓ Possible outdoor meeting at Broske Center outdoor pavilion beginning Friday, June 11th at 7:00 a.m.

GUEST SPEAKER: Matt Ohms, Field Director for Blackhawk Area Council of the Boy Scouts

Matt Ohms directly serves volunteers in Grant Co., Green Co., and Lafayette Co. He began in Janesville and has been serving Southwest Wisconsin & Northwestern Illinois since 2013. Overall, he serves 12 counties. Matt explained that Boy Scouts is not just campfires, but exposing youth to careers, leadership, self-reliance, and life skills. He joked that they "trick kids into learning for fun." In Platteville, there are two Troops: Troup 82 (Methodist Church) and Troop 84 (First English Lutheran Church). In total there are 35 boy scouts. In addition to life skills, they help scouts explore career focuses, hands on experience, mentorship, and career path guidance. The Arrowhead District, serving the Grant Co., Green Co. and Lafayette Co. troops, help the local packs and troops succeed, organize the popcorn sale, guide and train new leaders and raise funding to support the program.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next Meeting is Friday, May 21st at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom – Jen Richardson, CESA 3
- ✓ Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 1st at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

MAY 21ST: JEN RICHARDSON – AUDIOLOGIST WITH CESA 3

ATTENDEES: There were 30 members and 1 FOO who attended and participated including: Tim Boldt, Jim Boebel, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Paul & Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Penny Drossler, Terri Ellis, Eileen & Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine & Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Tim Murphy, Tom & Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Melissa Palfrey (FOO-Family Advocates), Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier and Wayne Wodarz.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting called to order by T. Nall at 7:03. Pledge of Allegiance led by B. Schambow, followed by Optimist Creed led by K. Kamps.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy Birthday to Becky Schambow on May 22nd.

OTHER CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✓ NOW Luncheon scheduled for tomorrow, May 22nd at First English Lutheran Church.
- ✓ Bike Rodeo scheduled for Thursday, May 27th at 6:00 p.m. at Neal Wilkins.
- ✓ Reminder that we will vote on a change in By-Laws on Friday, June 4th. Notices were sent out in the mail.
- ✓ High School Scholarships of \$1,000 each were presented on Monday, May 17th to Matthew Detrie, who will be attending UWP, and Noah Rhoden, who will be attending a two-year technical college in Arizona.

GUEST SPEAKER: Jen Richardson - Audiologist and Deaf/Hard of Hearing teacher. CESA 3 Itinerant Coordinator/DHH

Jen reached out to Maxine who is the District Chair for CCDHH for SWIS District. Jen has 16 years of private practice experience in education audiology. Jen is originally from Bloomington, WI, and moved back to the area 3 years ago with her husband to raise their boys here. She provides services to CESA 3, covering about 30 school districts and traveling up to 200 miles a day going to schools to help students. Locally, she serves 4 kids in the Platteville area and some in Belmont. A lot of her day is utilizing the technology that they work with to communicate. As a private practice, she can also work with parents to guide them with other tools and resources. She showed us some of the technology her students and their parents & teachers can use to communicate to each other including hearing aids, microphones, etc. She also helps kids advocate for themselves, stating the more these kids know they aren't alone, the more empowered they feel.

ADJOURNMENT: K. Kamps motioned to adjourn, seconded by T. Ellis. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 a.m.

MAY 28TH: DAVE PLUYM, EAGLE POINT SOLAR

ATTENDEES: There were 24 members and 1 Friend of Optimist who attended and participated including: Tim Boldt, Carley Borchering, Duane Borgen, Chris & Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Mark Essex, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine & Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Tom & Fern Nall, Melissa Palfrey (FOO-Family Advocates), Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier and Wayne Wodarz.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The meeting was called to order by President T. Nall at 7:00 a.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed were recited.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy Wedding Anniversary to Hap (& Barb) Daus on May 29th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✓ NOW Luncheon Update: 7 guests attended, 4 joined, 2 are considering and 1 declined. Sent two applications out to folks who couldn't make it but are interested.
- ✓ Bike Rodeo was cancelled due to the weather. Rescheduled to June 2nd at 6:00 at Neal Wilkins. Phone number for Christine Storlie to get in touch with her for future weather questions: 608-330-3049 or drchris@centurytel.net.
- ✓ Music in the park beginning Thursdays (through the end of August). The Wundo's are playing this week.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dave Pluym, Eagle Point Solar

Eagle Point Solar was founded in 2010 by two brothers-in-law who were retired and looking for something to do. When they started, they sold 1 solar ray in 2 years. They then hired another man (now their CEO) and in one month they sold 10 rays. Today, there are up to 99 employees (Dave was the 12th employee 5 years ago). Installations range from residential homes, small businesses and large commercial facilities, agricultural operators, municipalities, academic institutions and local utility entities. Solar power perks include reducing energy bills, redeeming state & federal incentives, and reducing your carbon footprint. One can choose from a roof or ground system and work with a full staff of designers, engineers, electricians and installers. Eagle Point Solar was recently recognized in the Top 500 Solar Companies in the U.S. In the area, they've worked with Alliant Energy, Cuba City, and Village of Belmont. Users are credited kilowatt for kilowatt up to the amount of energy they use. The number of panels needed comes down to your usage and how much of your bill you want to offset, not necessarily the size of the home or structure. For extra info, you can contact Dave at dpluym@eaglepointsolar.com, his office at (563) 582-4044, or his cell which is (563) 543-9971.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next meeting is Friday, June 4th at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom – June Business Meeting
 - ✓ Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, June 1st at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom
 - ✓ The meeting was motioned to adjourn by A. Reeves, seconded by C. Clark. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE:

JUNE MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- ✓ **Terri Ellis** – June 11th, 2004
- ✓ **Eileen Engelke** – June 11th, 2004
- ✓ **Gary Engelke** – June 11th, 2004
- ✓ **Bob Hundhausen** – June 30th, 2019
- ✓ **George Krueger** – June 30th, 2019
- ✓ **Tim Murphy** – June 11th, 2004
- ✓ **Eileen Nickels** – June 1st, 1989
- ✓ **Austin Polebitski** – June 30th, 2019
- ✓ **Christine Storlie** – June 30th, 2019

JUNE FRIENDS OF OPTIMIST ANNIVERSARIES:

- ✓ **Fidelity Bank & Trust** – June 22nd, 2020
- ✓ **Melby Funeral Home** – June 2nd, 2015
- ✓ **Runde Auto Group** – June 15th, 2018

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- ✓ **Tim (& Angie) Boldt** – June 2nd
- ✓ **Howard (& Kathy) Crofoot** – June 30th
- ✓ **Dan (& Tammie) Engelke** – June 20th, 1987
- ✓ **Mark (& Joan) Haas** – June 24th
- ✓ **Maxine & Steve Lane** – June 27th, 1970
- ✓ **Tom & Fern Nall** – June 18th, 1977
- ✓ **Joy & Jerry Schewe** – June 2nd
- ✓ **Greg & Mary Sieckman** – June 2nd, 1973
- ✓ **Phil (& Sandy) Swift** – June 26th, 1976
- ✓ **Rod & Linda Thomas** – June 1st, 1974
- ✓ **Wayne (& Julie) Wodarz** – June 26th, 1993

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Dean Feldman** – June 21st
- ✓ **Kim Skemp** – June 2nd
- ✓ **Ernie Thalman** – June 9th
- ✓ **Ron Weier** – June 19th