

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

“To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner”

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, June 22, 2018

Attendance: 23 members: Tim Boldt, Laura Brown, Paul Budden, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Dan Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Hannah Rewey, Becky Schambow, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Gene Weber, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: Maxine announced Hannah Rewey was joining us today and will be inducted as a new member, having joined at the April Spring Luncheon. President Wodarz performed the induction.

Mystery Greeter: Becky Schambow was shaking hands this morning, greeting Leon Neuheisel for a free ticket to the joker draw.

Joker Draw: We Have A Winner!! No it was not Bob Weier! Doug Martin is back in action and with the pick of a card, revealed the joker! Congrats Doug!



Mail/Thank You Notes: President Wodarz announced and passed around thank you notes from a young man who had attended Badger Boys State, Special Olympics and Rountree Gallery.

Announcements:

***Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Celebrating several anniversaries, Phil & Sandy Swift 6/26, Wayne & Julie Wodarz 6/26, Steve & Maxine Lane 6/27.

Tot Slide: Small crowd; however, well accepted by the community. FREE ice cream cones went over very well with the children (and a few adults).

50th Anniversary, Saturday, June 23rd: Reservations stand at 92. All is ready for a great evening.

Football Fund Craze: Only 22 tickets remain out of 100. Please purchase one for yourself if you choose not to sell. Great fundraiser for our club as we receive \$13 back for each ticket sold. Maxine mentioned that the Fennimore Club with some 18 members easily sells 100 tickets. With 100+ members, our club should have no problem selling our assigned 100 tickets. Please help!

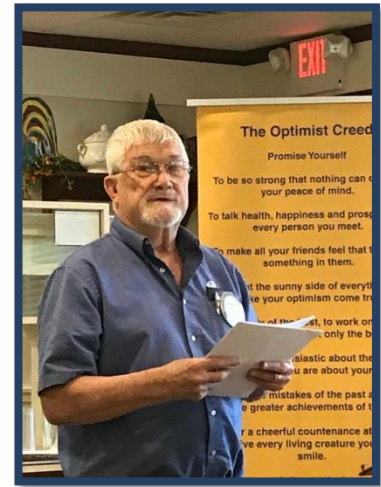
PCA/Good Morning Platteville: Gene Weber encouraged members to attend the Good Morning Platteville on Thursday, June 28, 7:45 AM at Mound City Bank Motor Bank. Discussion will focus on future trail enhancements and gaining trail users.

OI Logo Museum Train: President Wodarz is seeking help to install the OI road sign logo we received last year and is pending installation on the Mining Museum Train as the current signage is illegible.

Other: Maxine announced the addition of a new FOO, Fidelity Bank and Trust. She also announced that Fidelity is going to host a brat feed on July 20, with gross proceeds going to Platteville Middle School Optimists.

Program: Again today, we had the pleasure of enjoying a presentation by one of our members, Ken Kamps. You might say Ken gave us somewhat of a virtual tour of his visit to Russia back in September. Visiting many cities during his adventure, shared with his wife Lois Jean, his focus today was primarily on Moscow and St. Petersburg, although touching on many other highlights of their trip.

Starting in Moscow, Ken covered much of the history behind this city. The Moscow Canal, which is 79 miles long, was built from 1932-1937, while under the control of Joseph Stalin, who ruled the Soviet Union for more than two decades and used prisoners to build the canal. Moscow has a population of 15 million people while overall Russia's population is 140 million. Additional facts Ken shared:



Transportation:

- *There are a lot of buses in the city (public transportation)
- *Subway is state-of-the-art, almost like an art museum
- *Rent-a-bike is popular
- *Semi tractor-trailers are banned from the city
- *Known as 'worst traffic in the world'
- *Gas was at 1.72/gallon

Housing:

- *No houses in the city, all high rise apartments
- *Beautiful homes outside of the city



Their tour also included a visit to the Moscow Kremlin, a fortified complex at the heart of Moscow, overlooking the Moskva River, St. Basil's Cathedral and Red Square. Ken and Lois Jean also enjoyed a River Cruise, which Ken highly recommended over an ocean cruise. They visited a Monastery, middle school and enjoyed lunch at a home visit with other travelers from the tour.

Needless to say, there was so much more. Ken provided pictures, a map of their tour route and other very interesting facts. Members enjoyed time for questions.

Weekly Speakers: Thank you Ken Kamps/Charlie Clark for coordinating our June speakers!!
June 29 – Charlie Clark sponsoring: Jason Julius, Day in the Life of a Principal

July Speakers – Thank you to Duane Borgen for coordinating July speakers!
July 13 – Kent Scheurell – Living and caring for a spouse with Alzheimer's (C Clark coordinator)
July 20 – Bill Kloster/Alaine Olthafer-Lange – Municipal Airport fly-in breakfast, etc.
July 27 – Scott Sandholm – 20 years of NASA Global Troposphere (K Haerten coordinator)

~~Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane

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