

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



Becky Schambow, President Dan Engelke, President Elect Wayne Wodarz, Past President Tom Nall, Vice President Duane Borgen, Treasurer Maxine Lane, Secretary <u>Directors</u> Tim Boldt Chris Budden Pat Moxness Tim Murphy Mary Sieckman Ernie Thalmann

# *"To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"*

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – December 21, 2018

Attendance: 33 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Priscilla Hahn, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Pat Moxness, Gary Munson, Tim Murphy, Mike Olds, Virgil Pufahl, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Barb Stockhausen, Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

### Guests: n/a

Mystery Greeter: Chris Budden was our mystery person this morning, greeting Eileen Engelke.

Joker Draw: Maxine was holding the lucky ticket. Winning was not to be, drawing the Jack of Spades.

**Logo Attire:** M Lane announced she had received the sweaters, jackets and vests. She brought just a couple samples as the embroidery does have some flaws. Members have a choice of having it redone or taking as is with a \$5.00 discount. M Lane will follow-up with and email to those who ordered to get their decision.

<u>Miners Ball</u>: M Hahn shared with the member's information regarding the upcoming Miners Ball, scheduled for January 9. A fundraiser for the Museum, tickets are \$50 and include dinner, dancing and a silent auction.

<u>Art Hall:</u> A brochure and drawing of the newly proposed art hall at Legion Park was presented by R Weier providing a visual to members. He further stated personal donations are being accepted and would provide a tax deduction for anyone interested. President Schambow stated the Board is still looking at possibilities of donating to this community event.

**Home Alone For Christmas:** M Kleisath reminded members of the dinner on Christmas Day. There is a need for pies and salads if anyone could help out with one or more of these.



## Tip for Wait Staff:

It was a pleasure to show our appreciation to the staff that serves us every Friday throughout the year. A card was circulated and gratuity was presented to Linda Voigts, who has been our server since we started meeting at Country Kitchen in 2014. Linda shares with other staff who help to make our breakfast meeting work so smoothly.

#### Announcements:

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

\*A thank you and picture of the soccer team sponsored by our club was received and circulated. <u>Birthdays/Anniversaries:</u> Two anniversaries to celebrate this morning, Dave Jones on December 18 and Mike and Priscilla Hahn on December 27.

<u>Annual Holiday Party:</u> Reminder this is scheduled for January 11 at the Elmo Club. Signup sheet was circulated for members to register.

<u>Dime-a-Day:</u> Reminder to give your donation of \$36.50 to Jerry Schewe if you choose to participate. Checks should be payable to Optimist International Foundation.

<u>Dubuque Fighting Saints Youth Trip:</u> Status pending until number of students is received. Members were encouraged to sign up as this would be a membership outing if we do not get student participation.

<u>100 Picture:</u> M Lane was unsuccessful in coordinating this picture with the Middle School. We will go with the UWP Track Team, which will take place on January 7 at the field house track at 7:00 AM. If members are interested in participating, go to the track before 7:00 AM

**<u>Program</u>**: We had a surprise visit from the Santa this morning, checking both his nice list and naughty list to see where our names appeared. Of the 32 members present, only 2 names appeared on his naughty list.





Santa shared with each why they were on his naughty list, encouraged them to work on being good and gave each a bag of coal. All members received a candy cane from Santa.

The 'little kid' in us **BELIEVES.** Santa made for a fun meeting with lots of laughs and bringing a bit of Christmas Spirit to everyone.



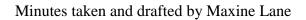
Santa also acknowledged President Schambow for serving as President and leading our club to another successful year. President Schambow asked Santa if Mrs. Claus knew about his 'hugging' habit. Santa assured President Schambow that it was okay, as Mrs. Claus was 'watching'.

A Special 'Thank You' to Santa!

#### Weekly Speakers:

Thank you to Gary & Eileen Engelke for coordinating our December speakers. **December 28:** John-Paul Butcher, Hillmen Art Connection

Thank you to Joan Bahr and Pat Moxness for coordinating our January speakers.
January 4: Business Meeting
January 11: Ellen Wiegman – Homeschooling
January 18: Dr. Mike Bottrell – Human Trafficking
January 25: Dr. Ray Sloan – Exploring the Wonders of Peru



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