



Platteville Optimist Club Monthly Highlights | August 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 August 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 August 3rd, 2021. The following "Governing Board & Committee Updates" below were reported to the Membership at their Business Meeting on August 6th, 2021.

GOVERNING BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Treasurer's Report:** Financial Report dated July 31st was submitted by D. Borgen, Treasurer. L. Neuheisel moved to approve the report, seconded by L. Thomas. Motion carried.
- ✓ **Notes of Appreciation Received in July:** Platteville School District for past support and advance appreciation for Stuff the Bus school supply donation.
- ✓ **YOUTH COMMITTEE:** T. Ellis motioned to use \$300 from the Internal Account to donate to the Stuff the Bus project. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE: Comment from D. Martin on Party in the Park: should we be giving anything in return to the individuals who donated equipment, supplies, etc.? T. Ellis suggested it would be just fine to send a letter from our club thanking them for their support.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **August 13th:** Bonnie Beam-Stratz from ADRC
- ✓ **August 20th:** Eric Flesch with Rollo Jamison & Mining Museums presenting on upcoming projects, events.
- ✓ **August 27th:** Dr. Ann Farelly from UW-Platteville presenting on the Center for the Arts events.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Country Kitchen renewed their Friends of Optimist (FOO) status.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: Nothing to report.

CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE:

- ✓ Platteville Dairy Days Schedule to be completed. Steve stated he and Gary will be there Friday night to set up and early Saturday morning, but then they are going out of town. Suggested someone be around to empty the oil on Monday morning after it has cooled down from Sunday use. H. Crofoot will bring this up at the business meeting to gather volunteers to help clean up after Dairy Days sales.
- ✓ T. Ellis Asked if we had people in training to take over for Cheese Curds, S. Lane responded that we don't yet. (more on this under "Letter to Encourage Volunteers & Cheese Curd Waivers" bullet point.
- ✓ B. Schambow sent email to T. Nall and A. Reeves suggesting we get some FOO's to help volunteer. There is a form on OI website they can fill out to be covered by OI insurance.
- ✓ Request from the Chalk-Cheese Festival to sell cheese curds on August 14th from 1-7. Board determined it's too late to commit to this and T. Nall will suggest they give us more notice in the future.

- ✓ Letter to Encourage Volunteers & Cheese Curd Waivers: Needing members committed to take the leadership roles of the committee. Capable members to be trained as shift leaders and for other duties performed by Steve & Maxine over the last 4 years. Training sessions will be held on preparation of the batter, coordination of trailer clean-up, delivery/set-up, as well as final shift clean up and return/storage of trailer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Meetings at Country Kitchen: experience so far, masks, suggestions for future meetings: Things are going well for now, however T. Ellis suggests we just keep an eye on the state of the world. L. Neuheisel suggested we keep an eye on the numbers in the country and that we should bring this up at the meeting on Friday for input from membership.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ SWIS District Convention on Friday-Saturday, August 13th-14th in Fort Atkinson, WI. M. Lane & H. Crofoot will be there; encourage other members to join. Will be informative and some great speakers.
- ✓ Installation banquet: Date & time, suggestion for September 26th. Location ideas: Broske Center, Belmont Convention Center, The Barn, Pioneer Lanes, the Country Club.
 - Discussion: we would only get half of the Broske Center that day, but the other half will be using the kitchen. T. Nall has info on having Ma's Bakery cater if held there. L. Neuheisel stated it's pretty loud in there and maybe we should look at holding it at the Country Club. L. Thomas will be calling the committee to order to begin planning, attempting to hold it at the Country Club.
- ✓ Additional Funds needed for Books for Babies (Letter from Fern): The cost of books have gone up and we haven't been able to give as many books as the hospital would like. They are averaging 30-60 deliveries every few months and will run out soon.
 - Discussion: L Thomas recommended we increase the budget by \$150 this year, seconded by T. Ellis. Fern suggested the budget be increased for future years too. D. Borgen asked if they were just going to newborns or other kids as well, and it was stated only one book per family is given. He proposed we join with another group to keep doing this and A. Reeves suggested we partner with Southwest Health on this project.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next Meeting is Friday, August 3rd at 7:00 a.m. at Country Kitchen – August Business Meeting
- ✓ Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Motion to adjourn made by L. Thomas, seconded by T. Ellis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ✓ Review of financials
- ✓ Information on Installation Banquet
- ✓ Additional Funds Request from Books for Babies

BOARD REPORT SUBMITTED BY: ALAINA REEVES, SECRETARY

AUGUST 6th, 2021 – BUSINESS MEETING

ATTENDEES: There were 25 members in attendance including: Joan Bahr; Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Chris and Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Howard Crofoot; Hap Daus; Dan Engelke; Mark Essex; Doreen Hlavaty; Bob Hundhausen; Ken Kamps; Maxine Lane; Eileen McCartney; Tim Murphy; Leon Neuheisel; Becky Schambow; Jerry Schewe; Joy Schewe; Bob Stephens; Ernie Thalman; Rod Thomas; Ron Weier; and Wayne Wodarz.

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

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Jim Boll's birthday on August 9th; Mark and wife Karen Essex's anniversary on August 9th; and Mike Old's Membership Anniversary on August 12, 1994.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT & COMMENTS: Howard reviewed Board and Committee updates from Board's August 3rd meeting as noted above. Members approved Board's motions as follows:

- ✓ Approved the Treasurer's report for period ending 7-31-21;
- ✓ Approved \$300 donation to Platteville Public School's "Stuff the Bus" program to be paid from Internal Account;
- ✓ Approved additional \$150 donation to cover increase in demand for Club's "Books for Babies" program to be paid from Youth Account.
- ✓ Membership Committee: Dave Jones has cancelled his membership due to his move to Winona, MN.
- ✓ Fellowship Committee: Installation banquet scheduled for September 26th. Fellowship Committee will provide details later. Alaina has ordered nametags for our newest members, needs to order one for Steve Lane & Arnie Roper.
- ✓ Cheese Curd Committee:
 - Grant County Fair: Work schedule is filled.
 - Dairy Days: Work schedule was circulated to recruit volunteers. Request was made for volunteers to tear down and clean up on Monday after event.
 - Committee: Club is seeking volunteers to serve on Committee due to upcoming vacancies.
 - Training session(s) to be scheduled for responsibility / processes.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- ✓ Thank you letters and possibly token(s) for cheese curds will be sent to those who donated food for Party in the Park.
- ✓ Meetings will continue to be held in-person at Country Kitchen. Board will continue to monitor for any concerns due to Delta variant in our county and state.
 - Joan Bahr, Howard Crofoot, Wayne Wodarz, Maxine Lane have volunteered to assist with Friday morning meeting Treasurer's responsibilities when Duane Borgen is unavailable.
- ✓ SWIS District Meeting: Scheduled for August 13th and 14th. Maxine Lane thanked Joan Bahr for her service as Secretary to the District and Joan's willingness to continue in this position for the upcoming year.
- ✓ Members were encouraged to invite friends to attend a meeting between now and end of September in collaboration with OI's "Rally Season" recruitment program.
- ✓ Carley Borcharding will be giving books to children at Katie's Garden over Halloween and Christmas.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next meeting is August 13th at Country Kitchen (Bonnie Beam-Stratz from ADRC (T. Ellis to introduce).
- ✓ Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m. Minutes were recorded by Becky Schambow

AUGUST 13TH: BONNIE BEAM-STRATZ, ADRC

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by T. Nall at 7:03 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy Wedding Anniversary to Steve & Maggie Kleisath (August 17th, 1968) and Kathy & Joe Kopp (August 13th, 1995). Happy Membership Anniversary to Diane Paynter (August 13th, 2019).

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Dairy Days Schedule needs to be completed. Passed around sign-up sheet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Installation banquet on September 26th. Packer/49er game at 7:20 p.m., Thoughts on time, etc.
- ✓ Resignation of D. Borgen from the Treasurer's position for 2021/2022.
- ✓ For now, the cost of meals at Country Kitchen will remain the same: \$5 for a small, \$7 for a large.
- ✓ Passing around sign-up sheet for Grant County Fair Cheese Curds

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Mystery Greeter: Fern Nall greeted Joan Bahr.
- ✓ Joker Draw (led by T. Nall): Bob Hundhausen drew Joan Bahr's ticket. Joan drew the JOKER TICKET!

GUEST SPEAKER: Bonnie Beam-Stratz, ADRC

Introduced by Terri Ellis, Bonnie is a Dementia Care Specialist for ADRC. She graduated with a Masters in Gerontology and Psychology from Western Illinois University and has been working in the geriatrics and dementia field for over 30 years. Born and raised in Woodstock, Illinois, Bonnie is one of 8 children (5 sisters, 3 brothers) who live throughout the US. She and her husband moved to Wisconsin 11 years ago. Having worked for the Alzheimer's Association the majority of her career, Bonnie focused on sharing information and statistics on Alzheimer's Disease. Alzheimer's is the 6th leading cause of death in the U.S, and there is no cure for the disease. Currently, 6.2 million people age 65+ have Alzheimer's (1 in 9), of which 2/3 are women, and 1/3 are individuals aged 83+. By the year 2050, the 6.2 million affected is expected to climb to 12.7 million individuals. In the state of Wisconsin, 120,000 residents struggle with Alzheimer's, and that number is supposed to climb to 130,000 by 2025. Risk factors of Alzheimer's include age, genetics, female, history of brain damage/injury, individuals with down syndrome, physical inactivity, stress, and more. Typically by the time of diagnosis, individuals have been showing symptoms for 10-15 years, they just start out very subtle and get worse. There is a lot of information that can be discovered on www.alz.org.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next meeting: Friday, August 20th at 7:00 a.m. (Eric Flesch with Rollo Jamison & Mining Museums)
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Adjournment: 8:05 a.m.

AUGUST 20TH: ERIC FLESCH, ROLLO JAMISON & MINING MUSEUM

ATTENDEES: There were 25 members and 1 guest who attended and participated in today's meeting including: Joan Bahr, Paul & Chris Budden, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Deb & Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Fern & Tom Nall, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schamvow, Jerry & Joy Schewe, Greg & Mary Sieckman, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier, and Eric Flesch (guest).

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by T. Nall at 7:03 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy Wedding Anniversary to Virg & Marcha Pufahl (August 22nd, 1964), Ken & Lois Jean Kamps (August 23rd, 1958) and Jim & Jen Schweigert (August 26th, 2006).

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Tom said thank you for those who helped with the first two shifts (Wednesday/Thursday) of Grant County Fair cheese curd sales.
- ✓ Passed around Dairy Days Sign-up sheet

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Maxine Lane paid the name tag fine for not wearing her name tag.
- ✓ Mystery Greeter was Tom Nall who greeted Chris Budden.
- ✓ Joker Draw (led by Tom Nall): Winning ticket was Chris Budden who drew an 8 of Clubs.

GUEST SPEAKER: Eric Flesch, Rollo Jamison & Mining Museum

Introduced by Ron Weier, Eric Flesch has been with the museums for 3 years now. He stated this year's objective is "Advancing our Museum for all from Age 6 to 86." He shared that this is quite a year for milestone anniversaries, including: 50th Anniversary of opening the Mining Museum (1971), 45th Anniversary of rediscovering the Bevan Mine (1976) and the 40th Anniversary of opening the Rollo Jamison Museum (1981). He also shared that in addition to opening the Rollo Jamison Museum in 1981, the very first Heritage Day was held on July 4th, 1981. Behind the scenes since 1980, the museum staff & volunteers have been conducting an inventory and organizing artifacts. Lastly, Eric was excited to share information on their Site & Facility Comprehensive Plan. The future will include integrating the two museums, a more attractive entrance, pergolas for gathering, and a walking path around the yards with interpretive signage. Similar to

the Library, Broske Center, Pickleball Courts and Fire Department projects, they have been hard at work writing for grants, seeking corporate sponsorships and private donations to raise the \$2.5 million it will cost to bring this plan to fruition. We thoroughly enjoyed Eric's visit to our meeting this morning!

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next meeting: Friday, August 27th at 7:00 a.m. with Dr. Ann Farrelly of UW-Platteville.
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 a.m.
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 8:01 a.m.

AUGUST 27TH: DR. ANN FARRELLY OF UW-PLATTEVILLE

ATTENDEES: There were 30 members and 1 guest attended and participate including: Joan Bahr, Chris & Paul Budden, Howard Crofoot, Deb & Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Kevin Haertzen, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Tim Murphy, Fern & Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schamvow, Jerry & Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda & Rod Thomas, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz, and Dr. Ann Farrelly (guest).

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The meeting was called to order by President T. Nall at 7:05 a.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed were recited.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: Happy Birthday to Fern Nall on August 29th. Tom wouldn't share Fern's age but said it's divisible by 10. Happy Membership Anniversary to Paul Budden (August 30th, 2016) and Maggie & Steve Kleisath (August 31st, 2012). Happy Wedding Anniversary to Kim (Cindy) Skemp on August 30th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✓ Tom shared final Grant County Fair revenues.
- ✓ One spot left to fill for Dairy Days
- ✓ Tom asked Ron Weier if he had any jokes for us. He said "Nope, not a clean one, anyway."

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Gary Engelke was the Mystery Greeter who greeted Alaina Reeves.
- ✓ Name Tag Police cited Bob Hundhausen for not wearing his nametag.

GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Ann Farrelly was coordinated by Terri Ellis but introduced by Tom. She may have been familiar to some, as she spoke to us 7 years ago about the Heartland Festival. Dr. Farrelly has been the coordinator of UW-Platteville theater programs for 16 years now. She moved to Platteville in 2006 from Dayton, Ohio. She admitted she did attend The Ohio State University. Her area of specialization is Irish Drama. Since she has been in the area, she has directed over 35 shows at UW-Platteville and around 10 shows for the Heartland Festival. She was the artistic director for the Heartland Festival from 2011 until 2015 when they shut down due to funding issues. Dr. Farrelly is the creator of the Platteville Summer Arts Festival. This year at the Center for the Arts, they will be performing Brightstar. As of now, the plan is to allow full capacity in the CFA with masks. It was great to hear from Dr. Ann Farrelly and look forward to future productions at UW-Platteville!

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ Next Meeting: Friday, September 3rd at 7:00 a.m.: September Business Meeting
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- ✓ **Charlie Clark** – September 30th, 2002
- ✓ **Mark Haas** – September 29th, 2018
- ✓ **Priscilla Hahn** – September 29th, 2018
- ✓ **Chad Holstein** – September 28th, 2016
- ✓ **Jerry Schewe** – September 1st, 1992
- ✓ **Kim Skemp** – September 1st, 1982
- ✓ **Wayne Wodarz** – September 1st, 1987

SEPTEMBER FRIENDS OF OPTIMIST ANNIVERSARIES:

- ✓ **Bills Plumbing & Heating** – September 2015
- ✓ **First English Lutheran Church** – September 2018
- ✓ **Heiser Hardware** – September 2016
- ✓ **Honkamp & Krueger** – September 2018
- ✓ **QueenB Radio** – September 2016

SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- ✓ **John (& Molly) Zuehlke** – September 1st, 2001
- ✓ **Joan (& Kevin) Bahr** – September 27th
- ✓ **Jim (& Tami) Boebel** – September 3rd, 1994
- ✓ **George Byykkonen** – September 14th, 1991
- ✓ **Charlie (& Joyce) Clark** – September 8th, 1973
- ✓ **Deb (& Harvey) McWilliams** – September 4th
- ✓ **Mike (& Tonia) Olds** – September 19th, 1998
- ✓ **Matt & Nicole Tyc** – September 23rd, 2012
- ✓ **Tim (& Kathy) Murphy** – September 26th, 1980

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Joan Bahr** – September 14th
- ✓ **Christine Budden** – September 7th
- ✓ **Peggy Compton** – September 15th
- ✓ **Hap Daus** – September 3rd
- ✓ **Mike Hahn** – September 15th
- ✓ **Jordan Holthaus** – September 3rd
- ✓ **Deb McWilliams** – September 4th
- ✓ **Arnie Roper** – September 5th
- ✓ **Bob Stephens** – September 23rd
- ✓ **Nicole Tyc** – September 29th