



ROOSTER CALL

'Second Time Around'

Platteville Optimist Club



Established 1968

Vision Statement

"To impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"

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KEVIN'S KORNER



Most of our readers have done a shift at selling cheese curds. Thank You! Your willingness to share your time is greatly appreciated. Hopefully we will have pleasant and dry weather during Dairy Days. Your efforts make it possible for us to fund the many activities that we support as a club. The funds we raise are treated as a precious resource of the club and we look forward to using them to continue our support of a variety of youth activities in Platteville and Grant County.

Our breakfast meetings continue to be a great success. Thanks to Country Kitchen for allowing us to use their facilities every Friday morning. Hearing our guest speakers is something I look forward to each week. I feel that each speaker gives an opportunity for personal growth, to learn something new about our community and to make connections with current and future leaders of the Platteville area. If it has been awhile since you have been to a meeting, please consider dropping in to say hello!

Going forward, we begin our 50th Anniversary year as a club in October. Before we get there, I am looking forward to distributing the Dime-A-Day Pins to those who gave to support Optimists International, saying yes to the post cheese curd get together at Steve's Pizza on September 20 and attending the Installation/Awards Banquet on September 24, where the income Officers and the Board of Directors of our club will be sworn in by Mr. Gary Engelke, SWIS District Governor-Designate.

Thank you for allowing and entrusting me to serve as your President during 2016-2017.

Welcome to Wayne's World!!



What an exciting time it is to be an Optimist!

President Kevin and the Leadership Team have taken our club to new levels of membership. This may be the most members our club has had. And what a great time to be at "full strength" as we will be celebrating our 50th year in "The Kid Business." We will have special activities and programs planned to celebrate, in addition to the full slate of annual activities we do to promote our youth. This year will also mark my 30th as an Optimist and will allow me to be President 25 years

after I first held that role with our club. I am confident our club will be able to maintain the momentum to continue to serve our community's youth and that we can promote the value of our membership to recruit the best members possible. And along with that we will have some fun!! I look forward to working with all of you and hope to get acquainted with all those who have recently joined.

New Members Welcome Wagon

It is a pleasure to welcome our most recent members. *Welcome To . . .*

**Dr. Jeff White, sponsor, Ron Weier/Wayne Wodarz.*

Although we welcomed Dr. Jeff White back in March, we had the opportunity for his official installation at our June 23 meeting, at which time he was also our guest speaker. Jeff and his wife, Amy, have 2 children, Madelyn and Zachary as well as the family dog, Piper. If you know Dr. White, he has 'very little' free time, but when he finds those rare moments, he enjoys running, soccer, skiing, golf and photography.



**Chris Budden, sponsor, hubby, Paul Budden.*

Chris grew up in Cuba City, graduating from Cuba City High School. A stay-at home mom during the young years of her two sons, she later worked at Advance Transformer for 11 years before she decided to attend college. Having the unique opportunity to attend college at the same time as her sons, she graduated from UW-P in 1997 with an accounting degree. After working in insurance and banking for 3 years, she took her CPA exam and received her CPA license in 2000, working as an accountant at UW-P, part-time at Vaassen Pluemer and also taught accounting at Southwest Technical College for approximately 3 years. 2007 was an eventful year as she and Paul were married in April, 2007. Their blended family includes Chris's two sons and Paul's son and daughter. Together they have 8 beautiful grandchildren who keep both Chris and Paul young and on the go!

**Mike Hahn, sponsor, Charlie Clark*

Mike spent his first 11 years in Sylacauga, Alabama, home town of Gomer Pyle. Moved to Appleton, Wisconsin for his high school years and attended college at UW-Stevens Point as well as UW-Oshkosh. He started teaching high school in Platteville in 1978 where he met his wife, Priscilla. They have been married 36 years and Priscilla currently works at UW-Platteville in Student Support Services. They are the parents of three sons, Tom, who is family practice physician in Verona and Madison, Jim, who works in international development in Washington D.C., and David, who is entering his last year at UW-Eau Claire studying accounting and marketing. Mike retired from teaching in 2012 and currently works part-time at UW-Platteville in food service. In 2012 Mike took over a marketing business from Leon Neuheisel, who had established the business line and clients. HALO Branded Solutions, the company, provides any marketing items you desire, with logo/ad copy on it, including shirts, aprons, pens, etc.

**Carley Borcharding, sponsor, Becky Schambow*

Since 1961, I have been a resident of Platteville. I have 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. I have been a Master Gardener since 2002 and volunteer my time at Katie's Garden, PCA Trail, Lancaster Public Library and Master Gardeners Club activities. Besides gardening, I enjoy traveling, working with children, arts and crafts and teaching/making Fairy Gardens. I became aware of the wonderful work the Optimist does in the community when I was helping with the children classes, day art camp and the 4th of July day activities at the Rountree Gallery. Thank you for letting me be a part of your organization.

Welcome

It is once again a pleasure to welcome our 2016-2017 New Members!

*Carley Borcharding ~ Brian Brown ~ Laura Brown ~
Chris Budden ~ Peggy Compton ~ Janelle Davis ~ Donna Gavin ~
Mike Hahn ~ Gary Jones ~ Lu Jones ~ Andrea Pastor ~ Greg Sieckman ~
Mary Sieckman ~ Linda Thomas ~ Jeff White*

OPTIMIST CEED

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy
to permit the presence of trouble.



As we bring to a close the 2016-2017 Optimist Year, it only seems appropriate to thank our members for their commitment, loyalty and many donations of time and talent to our club. The successes we realize only come with members who believe in “Bringing Out The Best In Kids.” Your support does not go unnoticed!

We close the Optimist year, as of this writing, with 93 members. Of this number, it is a pleasure to extend a special ‘**Thank You**’ and acknowledge our **Friends of Optimist**. This membership category was created to accommodate people and organizations who believe in what Optimist International stands for and what Optimist Clubs do in their communities; however, do not have time to commit to the various activities. It goes without saying your support and belief in our cause is greatly appreciated and helps us reach more children.

2015

Matt Melby/Melby Bendorf Funeral Home ~ Tim Hoffman/Warco Transportation ~
Tom Sigwarth/Country Kitchen-Dairy Queen ~ Bill Niehaus/Bill’s Plumbing & Heating ~
Terry Busch/Busch Insurance ~ Jo Roling/Dupaco Community Credit Union

2016

Delta 3 Engineering ~ Platteville Business Incubator, Inc ~ Greg Banfield/Tri-Com, Inc ~
My Tires ~ Queen B Radio ~ Heiser Hardware ~ Oakpark Dental ~ Gene Weber ~
Kevin Garvey/Garvey Auto Service ~ Rita Udelhoven/Mindful Solutions



CONGRATULATION GARY ENGELKE GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE SWIS DISTRICT

Sworn in as Governor for the SWIS District 2017-2018 term, Gary joined the Platteville Optimist Club in 2004. He served as Club President 2008-2009 and SWIS District Lt. Governor on two different occasions.

Gary has chosen 'Dig It' as the theme for his year as Governor, *Dream, Inspire, Grow*. How appropriate for the mission of Optimist Clubs and members to impact the lives of youth, to allow them to see their 'dreams' come true, to 'inspire' them to 'become leaders of tomorrow' and to 'grow' our clubs to reach more youth.



It is an honor to once again have a member of our Platteville Optimist Club serve as Governor of our SWIS District as Howard Crofoot served in this capacity in 2015-2016.

Please extend congratulations to Gary and join in his mission to *Dig It!*

Platteville Optimist Club 1968 - 2018



Next year, our club will celebrate 50 years! Awesome for a civic club! If you would like to serve on a special planning committee or have celebration ideas, please contact either or both, President Elect, Wayne Wodarz wwodarz@netscape.net or Maxine Lane, Publicity/Newsletter Chair msmacy105@yahoo.com. We already have received two ideas and are looking for more. We would also like to have a special committee to spread out the planning responsibilities share in making this a year to remember.

We have had some excellent speakers this year and the trend is certain to continue. Thank you to Charlie Clark/ Wayne Wodarz, Tom Nall/Dan Engelke and Doug Martin for serving as coordinators for September, October and November respectively. It takes many volunteers to make an organization be successful and work effectively. Platteville Optimists have proven results!!



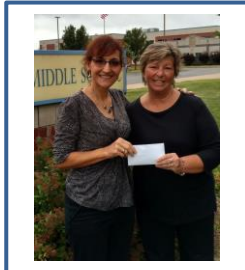
We are excited to announce a **Special Guest Speaker** at our meeting on Friday, September 29. We have the pleasure of welcoming OI President, Jim Kondrasuk who will speak about '*Choosing our Successor*' and '*Leaving a Legacy*'. It is a rare opportunity to have the OI President within a close radius to SW WI.

This is an awesome opportunity for our club and we hope many of our members will join this meeting.



STUFF THE BUS

We had an amazing response to this annual event. In addition to many supplies, Peggy Compton presented Vicki Feldman with a check for \$608.00. Thank You!!



We are looking at the final cheese curd fundraiser for 2017 with the upcoming Platteville Dairy Days. We will perhaps not have a record year; however enough to fund the youth and community organizations as we have over the past years. For a third year, we will be celebrating our success as saying Thank You to those who volunteered time by working a shift. Join us for a Pizza Party at Steve's on September 20th. Details will follow in an email.



Member Celebrations



SEPTEMBER

4 – Deb McWilliams
5 – Arnie Roper
7 – Chris Budden
15 – Peggy Compton
15 – Mike Hahn

OCTOBER

2 – Doug Martin
5 – Maxine Lane
8 – Steve Kleisath
9 – Terri Ellis
22 – Diane VanNatta
25 – Carley Borcharding
28 – Ken Kamps

NOVEMBER

7 – Jeff White
18 – George Byykkonen
18 – Mike Olds
25 – Mary Sieckman



SEPTEMBER

4 – Deb McWilliams
8 – Charlie Clark
14 – George Byykkonen
19 – Mike Olds
29 – Brad Mootz

OCTOBER

3 – Janelle Davis
11 – Dennis Helbing
15 – Jeff White
26 – Ron Weier

NOVEMBER

11 – Doug Martin

CONGRATULATIONS THANK YOU for your years of service and loyalty to Platteville Optimist

SEPTEMBER

1982 – Kim Skemp
1987 – Wayne Wodarz (L)
1992 – Jerry Schewe (L)
2002 – Charlie Clark
2003 – John Adams
2016 – Chad Holstein
2015 – Neihaus Plumbing *
2016 – QueenB Radio *

OCTOBER

1970 – Ken Kamps (L)
1995 – Deb McWilliams
2001 – Angie Udelhofen
2008 – Ernie Thalmann
2015 – Brad Brogley
2016 – Oakpark Dental *
2016 – Gene Weber *
2016 – Garvey Auto Service *
2016 – Mindful Solutions *

NOVEMBER

1989 – Ann Klawiter
1989 – Jim Olds
2015 – Dan Engelke
2015 – Joy Schewe
(L) – Lifetime Members
(*) – Friends of Optimist



CONGRATULATIONS RON WEIER OPTIMIST VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Ron was President of our club in 2015-2016. He led the effort to obtain an \$800 P CF grant allowing the Optimists to co-sponsor bringing the Mississippi River Outreach program to Platteville in 2017-2018 for 4 events. Ron volunteers for many Optimist events, recruits new members, helps keep existing members and is generous with his time. He brings new ideas to our Board, of which he is a member and he has impacted the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner.



Howard Crofoot Honored as Distinguished Governor

Congratulations to Howard on his service to the SWIS District during his 2015-2016 term. At the 99th Annual OI Convention in July, held in Albuquerque NM, Howard was recognized for his achievement.

CONGRATULATIONS On Recruiting New Members Since joining Platteville Optimist

Maxine Lane (2009) – 15
Jerry Schewe (1992) – 10
Paul Budden (2016) – 1

Welcome and Congratulations 2017-2018 Officers and Board of Directors



Wayne Wodarz, President

Wayne joined Platteville Optimist in September, 1987, served as President in 29-30 and now some 25 years later, he will again serve the club and members as President. He is excited to serve during the 50th Anniversary of Platteville Optimists and is looking for members to serve on a special committee to start planning celebrations throughout the year. Please be generous with your time as Wayne looks to form 2017-2018 Committees to continue our success.



Serving as Second Vice President in 2016-2017, Barb Stockhausen will serve as First Vice President for 2017-2018. Barb joined Platteville Optimist



Dan Engelke-BOD Duane Borgen-BOD



Our Second Vice President is Becky Schambow. Joining Platteville Optimist in 2014, Becky served last year as a Board Member.



Kevin Haertzen
Past President

Ken Kamps, Treas.



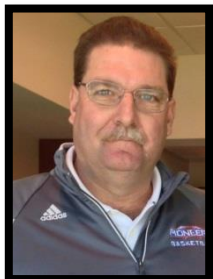
Charlie Clark graciously answered the call to fill the final year of Becky's two year term. Charlie joined Platteville Optimist in 2002 and served as President in 06-07.



Maxine Lane, Secy. John Urness
Treas. (sub)



It is a pleasure to welcome Ernie Thalmann to our Board of Directors, accepting a two year term. Ernie joined the Platteville Optimists in 2008.



Joining Platteville Optimist in 2012, we welcome Tim Boldt to our Board of Directors. Tim has been active on the Youth Activities Committee and very instrumental in Tri-Star Basketball.



One of our most recent members, Mary Sieckman joined Platteville Optimist as a result of our NOW Lunch in June, 2017. It is a pleasure to welcome Mary to our Board of Directors.

Many Thanks to our retiring Board Members.
Eileen Engelke ~ Bob Weier ~ Doug Martin

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OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

SEPTEMBER

- 4 – Labor Day
- 8-10 – Platteville Dairy Days
- 22 – Autumn Begins
- 24 – Awards/Installation Banquet



OCTOBER

- 3 – Board Meeting 7 AM
- 9 – Columbus Day
- 31 – Halloween
- 31 – Board Meeting 7 AM (Nov)



NOVEMBER

- 5 – Return to Standard Time
- 7 – Election Day
- 11 – Veterans Day
- 23 – Thanksgiving
- 24 – No Friday Morning Meeting
- 28 – Board Meeting 7 AM (Dec)



FAREWELL...WE'LL MISS YOU

As we enjoy welcoming new members into our club, at times we find we also have to say farewell, unfortunately.



Life Time Member, John Dutcher is relocating to Darlington, WI.

Mittie Nimmocks-DenHerder is relocating to Michigan.

Thank you both for your long time service to our Platteville Optimist Club and best of luck to you both in your new beginnings.

Memory Making Moments

*Congrats Tom & Fern
40th Wedding Anniversary*

Music in the Park



Fly in Drive in Breakfast



*An
unexpected
Friend in
need of a
Brain*

UW-P



Homecoming

