

# ROOSTER CALL

## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

CURRENTLY MEETING 7:00 AM FRIDAYS AT COUNTRY KITCHEN, HWY 151, PLATTEVILLE, WI

**Friday, March 4, 2016**

**Attendance:** Twenty-four (24) members were in attendance, with ten (\*) wearing an Optimist shirt or sweater: \*Ron Weier, Kevin Haertzen, \*Steve Lane, \*Maxine Lane, Fern Nall, \*Tom Nall, John Urness, \*Virgil Pufahl, Beth Frieders, Doug Martin, \*Leon Neuheisel, Diane VanNatta, \*Wayne Wodarz, \*Ernie Thalmann, Bob Stephens, \*Bob Weier, Duane Borgen, Jerry Schewe, Howard Crofoot, Tim Boldt, Becky Schambow, Arnie Roper, \*Charlie Clark, Terry Vaassen. Megan Stafford was a guest.

**Mystery Greeter:** Diane VanNatta got a free shot at the Joker Draw for being the lucky “greetee” greeted by Duane Borgen.

**Luck of the Draw:** Growing, Growing, ...but not Gone yet!! Following the mixing of the tickets by our Joker Draw ‘Joker’, Charlie Clark, guest Megan Stafford did the honors of drawing the lucky ticket, again owned by Arnie Roper, who, much to the delight of the members drew the 9 of Clubs. Ten cards remain, one being the Joker.

Wayne Wodarz was 4 for 4, drawing for the monthly breakfast winners. Those present at the meeting and eligible for a free breakfast during March were Tom Nall and Terry Vaassen. Members not in attendance and having a free breakfast available to them in March were Mike Olds and Joy Schewe.

### **Business Meeting:**

#### **Announcements**

++ President Weier welcomed Megan Stafford who made a brief presentation later in the meeting.

++ A thank you was read from Daniel Swenson, acknowledging his gift in the Essay contest.

++ President Weier acknowledged John Urness, celebrating a birthday on March 5 and also read the names of members celebrating years of service to the Optimist Club of Platteville, there being 13 for March.

++ Maxine Lane was acknowledged for the fine job she does in publishing the quarterly newsletter.

++ President Weier summarized the SWIS District Meeting from February 6, stating that our club was the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest out of 54 clubs that make up the SWIS District.

++ Brochures were delivered to the Platteville Chamber and will be inserted into welcome packets delivered to new residents of Platteville.

++ Food pantry donations were collected. Members present also made cash donations. The focus was paper products, which will be purchased with the cash collected.

++ President Weier stated the Board has been discussing the possibility of separating the responsibilities of Secretary/Treasurer. This move is being considered based on the increase in membership and the contact made with members. Further discussion is necessary. If the Board takes action to move in this

direction, it would become effective with the new fiscal year and members will be encouraged to submit their names for the position of Board Secretary

++ Maxine mentioned that the radio ad aired this morning, previously recorded by Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz and herself.

++ Bob Weier summarized his first meeting with the Citizens Academy.

**Youth Committee Report:** President Weier called upon Chairman, Doug Martin for an update on the Essay Contest and Tri-Star Basketball. It was reported there were 19 essays, the majority coming from the Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It came down to 6 contestants at the local competition. Four will compete on March 12 for Zone finalists with 2 going to the District competition at the Kalahari. A picture of participants was circulated. Beth Frieders requested a copy of the picture with names for the website.

A reminder on the Tri-Star Basketball, scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – Noon. Doug stated Maxine had prepared a signup sheet and will send an email to all members, looking for volunteers other than members attending the Friday morning meetings.

**Finance/Administrative Committee Report:** John Urness presented the Treasurer's Report, providing balance information in both the internal account as well as the youth account, stating further that there are funds to be paid from the youth account yet this year. After brief discussion, report was approved as presented on motion of Kevin Haertzen, seconded by Charlie Clark. Carried.

A donation to Childhood Cancer, in the amount of \$250.00 was being recommended by the Board. Following brief discussion, motion was approved by Howard Crofoot, seconded by Bob Weier. Carried.

**Membership/Club Building:** Howard Crofoot shared with the members a new promotion from OI to build membership. From now through June 30, new members who are educators, emergency services personnel and/or military, a second member from one of these categories can join and OI will waive the international dues for 1 year.

**Fellowship/Weekly Programs:** Kevin Haertzen is coordinating speakers for March. See below for upcoming program speakers for month of March.

**Camp Hometown Hero's:** Megan Stafford, member of the UW-P Optimist Club, presented a current fundraiser the UW-P club has going on in support of Camp Hometown Hero's. You purchase a tube filled with candy, refill with quarters, which holds \$20.00, and return to the UW-P Optimist Club. Megan has worked at this camp, which is designed for kids of military personnel. It is a one week camp, with an average attendance of 140 kids, which brings in guest presenters, counselors, builds on leadership skills and other forms of support. Location changes annually with the location for 2016 not yet determined. Megan stated cash donations are also accepted. All monies should be returned on or before April 20.

### **Upcoming Speakers for This Month:**

March 11 - Becky Schambow, Dir. of Safety & Risk Mgmt at SW Health Ctr, on Patient Safety

March 18 - Gary Olson, Platteville's Farmers Market, on joint program with local Food Pantry

March 25 - Police Chief Doug McKinley & Fire Chief Ryan Simmons

**Minutes taken and submitted by Maxine Lane; edited for "Rooster Call" by Charlie Clark.**