

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Friday, July 17, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-four Optimists, with five (Leon, Steve, Bob, Joy and Hap) wearing their Optimist shirts.

Mystery Greeter: Steve Lane greeted Dave Allen.

Joker Draw: Ron Weier ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. Ron cut and got the King of Spades as well as \$2.00 for the time together. Other Joker Draw prizes (Optimist T-shirts and a ticket to “Mary Poppins” at the Heartland Festival) were won by several other members

Business Meeting:

- ++ A card for Barb Stockhausen, who recently had ankle surgery, was circulated for signing.
- ++ Tom Segwarth is a new “Friend of Optimist” member
- ++ We received a thank you card from Jonah Barnet for our donation to his scout project. He will be recognized with the Eagle Rank during the Eagle Scout court of honor event. An invitation was passed around so anyone who may want to attend the event could.
- ++ We also received our Certificate of Membership from the Platteville Chamber.
- ++ We still need a 2nd VP
- ++ Optimist dress shirt orders are being taken now
- ++ Put on your calendar: [1] Installation/Awards Banquet, Sunday, September 27th, and [2] Optimist Social event on October 3rd (More details to come)
- ++ Jim Kondrasuk from the Monona Club will be President of International Optimist for the 2016-2017 term. This is great representation from the SWIS District as our own Howard Crofoot will be Governor.

Program:

Maxine introduced today’s speaker, Melissa Unzicker, who is a Veterinary Technician with Family Pet Hospital. Melissa grew up in Delaware and then moved to Maryland. They would visit her husband’s family during the summer in Wisconsin. After relocating to Wisconsin, Melissa soon discovered the winters are “Brutal”.

Family Pet Hospital works with the UWP Pre-Vet Club and they also hire some of the students to work at the Hospital. Various duties are performed and it assists them with future job placement. They also reach out to the community in other ways such as providing tours and classroom visits. Last year they introduced their first annual Pet Food Drive. They were able to collect 35# of food and hope to increase this in the coming years.

There are lots of behind the scene activities at the clinic, and only



the “patients” know what all goes on. They look to expand their office in the future to enable them to enhance the current services provided to their clients and the community in general.

Melissa brought two displays made by the Pre-Vet Club. One included photos of an actual surgery and the other had pictures of dogs that could be matched to the breed. These are both used in classroom presentations.

Next Week’s Program: Our very own Kevin Haertzen (and current 2nd V.P.), who will speak about Student Expectations for College.

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