

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Friday, April 24, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-one (21) Optimists, with eight (Ken, Ron, Ernie, Hap, , Bob, Leon, Gary and Charlie) wearing their Optimist shirts. And a “welcome back” to Ken Kamps.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier greeted Brad Mootz (who handed in an application for membership this morning!!)

Luck of the Draw: Brad also had his ticket drawn for the Joker Draw. (Beginner’s Luck!?!? At this point we suggested to Brad that he go buy a Wisconsin lottery ticket, too!) Although his luck did NOT get him the Joker, but the King of Clubs instead. Pot is now over \$350.

Business Meeting:

In Maxine’s absence, Ron Weier conducted the business meeting.

- ++ Ela Kakde would like information on our members skill sets. We will discuss this further at the upcoming Board Meeting.
- ++ We received a “Thank You” from Badger Camp for our continued support. Along with the thank you were a couple window decals that were offered to any member who wanted to place on in their car or home window.
- ++ Birthday’s recognized were for Tom Nall and Jim Olds
- ++ Membership anniversaries – Dave Jones – 41 years and John Urness – 14 years.
- ++ Saturday, May 2nd is the SWIS District Conference in Madison. Also, the UW Student Club will be holding a Tri-Star Baseball event at 9 AM. They could use some volunteers to assist with this project.
- ++ On May 16th, the Noon Optimist are hosting a Bike Rodeo at 9 AM at Westview School.
- ++ Mike Olds presented an update on Derby Days coming up May 2nd. It will begin with a Horse Parade at noon. There will be bands throughout the day with the Kentucky Derby being shown on Big TV’s set up outdoors.

Program:

Charlie Clark introduced today’s speaker, Lori Bahr. Lori is passionate about volunteering and belongs to various organizations where she gives of her time and talent. She feels volunteerism goes hand in hand with charitable giving as you are already givin your abilities to make a difference. There are many ways in which individuals can give or donate there services or provide financial support. Lori feels it very important to mentor our younger citizens so the tradition continues and helps in the support of our growing community.

There are many 501©3 organizations in our area that have grown and made a huge impact on our community. Many of these have been made possible through estate planning and leaving donations to

a worthy cause. Two that Lori works with personally are the Beining Trust which benefits Southwest Health Center and the recent trust established by Cyril and Orlo Clayton which for one will benefit our city. Both of these were very generous gifts from these individuals that will continue to be beneficial. These types of giving create a legacy that will continue on to the future.

Lori also talked about the tax advantages available in giving. Receipts are needed for donations of cash and these can be check copies, bank statements showing the donation or an actual written receipt obtained from the organization. Receipts for donations of physical assets or in-kind donations would need some additional documentation.

Individuals can gift \$14,000 annually without being concerned with gift tax. Lori also talked some about income tax forms and exemption limits in estate tax.

Lori encouraged the members to consider a charitable donation in our will or during our lifetime. Many great things have been developed through previous charitable funds and a continuation will be beneficial to our community and the surrounding area. Questions and answers followed with good information being shared.

Upcoming Speakers:

- May 1: Club Business Meeting
 - May 8: Matt Heer, Science teacher at PHS, following up on HUNCH program and students' trip to Texas in March.
 - May 15: Ed White, on the Platteville Incubator Program for Business.
- NOTE: This meeting will be held at the Platteville Incubator Building

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Ron Weier thanking Lori for her presentation on volunteerism and charitable giving

