

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

Currently Meeting 7:00 AM Fridays at Country Kitchen, Hwy 151, Platteville, WI

“To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner”

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, October 13, 2017

Attendance: 27 Members – Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Virg Pufahl, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Mystery Greeter: Duane Borgen mysteriously greeted Leon Neuheisel.

Joker Draw: Ron Weier was holding the lucky ticket, drawing the Queen of Spades. There were several other items to be awarded this morning, thanks to Tom and Fern Nall, who provided a number of books. Barb Stockhausen was the recipient of ‘Abe Lincoln’, Tim Boldt walked away with ‘Cheer up Charlie Brown’, Leon took home ‘Golf Quotes’ and Wayne Wodarz found himself the owner of ‘Laughter is an Instant Vacation’. There was a request made to Tim for a complete book report next week.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: President Wodarz announced only one ‘special’ birthday this morning, that of John Dutcher, turning 75 on October 16. John recently resigned from our club due to his move to Darlington. Wayne also announced that the family was hosting a party for John in City Park from 1-4 on Saturday, following the Homecoming parade. Celebrating an anniversary on October 15 is Jeff & Amy White.

Thank You Notes: There were several acknowledgements received, which were circulated: OI Foundation, OI Relief Fund, Music Boosters, WILS Program, Mining Museum, Platteville School District Homework Club and PMS Activity Fund, SWIS District for sale of Football tickets, which the club acknowledged Gary Engelke.

Budget: President Wodarz announced work continues on the 2017-2018 budget. He stated a final is expected to be presented at the November Board meeting with follow up to members at the November Business Meeting. Treasurer Ken Kamps also updated the members on net income dollars for the Grant County Fair and Dairy Day cheese curds events.

Optimist Contact Information: President Wodarz reminded members to contact Maxine with any updates to the data that was recently emailed. This is important to maintain current information. Maxine stated she had responses from seven (7) members.

Mississippi River Museum Event October 12: Ron Weier reported that there were approximately 90 people that attended this event. This is one of four displays that is supported by the joint grant between Platteville Optimist and Platteville Recreation Department. Wayne Wodarz also attended this event.

Trunk or Treat: Howard reminded members of the fund raiser for Platteville Area Optimists, Trunk or Treat on October 28 from 11:00-1:00. This is in conjunction with Sweet Treats on Main and located at the back lot of the Museum on Main Street. Groups are invited to join at a cost of \$25 + candy to showcase your organization and share information with parents. We are going to reach out to members to hopefully get 3 to 4 volunteers to attend this community event.

SWIS District Conference: October 27-28 at Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld WI (attending, Gary & Eileen Engelke, Maxine Lane, Barb Stockhausen, Becky Schambow, Duane Borgen, Howard Crofoot and Wayne Wodarz.)

Speaker Coordinators: Sign-up sheet for the 2017-2018 year was circulated with many members volunteering for one of the twelve months. Thank you for your help in bringing informational speakers to our Friday morning meetings. Your service does not go unnoticed.

Program: All I can say, if you were not at the meeting, you really missed it! What, you ask?



The Tom & Dan Show

We were thoroughly entertained by two of our own members. A 'Friday the 13th' glitch left Dan & Tom without a speaker, so they used their 'talents' to improvise. If you are at all superstitious about 'Friday the 13th' you might wonder why we were

bestowed with such extraordinary speakers on this particular day. Oh yes, their topic was most interesting...Friday the 13th Facts and Trivia, along with a Friday the 13th Word Search Puzzle. Here is some of what they shared. . . .

*If a month has a Friday the 13th, the first day of that month is a Sunday

*The fear of Friday the 13th is also called friggatriskaidekaphobia or paraskevidekatriaphobia

*all years will have at least one Friday the 13th. The good news is that there cannot be more than three Friday the 13ths in any given calendar year

*If January 1 of a leap year falls on a Sunday, the months of January, April, and July will each have Friday 13th

*Alfred Hitchcock Was Born on the 13th The master of suspense was born on August 13, 1899 – so Friday, August 13, 1999 would have been his 100th birthday.

*Friday the 13th is not universally seen as a day of misery. For example, in Italy, Friday the 17th and not Friday the 13th is considered to be a day that brings bad luck. In fact, the number 13 is thought to be a lucky number!

In many Spanish speaking countries and in Greece, Tuesday the 13th is seen as a day of misfortune.

Thank you Tom and Dan! It was a great way to start Friday the 13th!

Weekly Speakers: October Programs, Coordinator(s), Tom Nall and Dan Engelke
October 20, Barb Daus & Jan Weier (Platteville Community Scholarship)

October 27, Julie Klein (update on the new motel)

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane

