

# ROOSTER CALL

## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

**Friday, January 22, 2016**

**Attendance:** Twenty-five (25) members were in attendance today along with Charlie's wife, Joyce Clark. (No shirt count available.)

**Mystery Greeter:** Mystery greeter Beth Frieders said Gary Munson was the lucky winner of a free entry for the Joker Draw.

**Luck of the Draw:** Charlie Clark relinquished his duties this morning as it was his wife, Joyce Clark who had her ticket drawn. The pot is exceeding \$1500.00 as it was not won at the Optimist Post-Holiday Social on Friday evening. Doug Martin stepped in to handle the drawing. To the excitement of everyone, with the exception of Joyce, she drew the 8 of Hearts.

### **Business Meeting:**

- \* Reminder of the Dime-a-Day campaign, currently at approximately \$800.00 with hopes of reaching our goal of 1,000.00 by the end of January.
- \* Maxine Lane mentioned the performance at the Darlington High School that member, Terri Ellis is involved in. Dates and times for this weekend, Saturday and Sunday was shared with the members.
- \* Gary Munson stated information is being circulated on the upcoming Essay Contest, with a deadline of February 1. He reminded members he will be seeking judges for this event. He further stated the deadline for the Oratorical Contest is March 1. He expects more involvement in the Essay Contest as many of the teachers have taken this as a class project and also the competition within the Oratorical is very challenging as was demonstrated at the competition last year.
- \* Doug Martin reported that the Tri-Star Basketball event has been scheduled for Saturday, April 9 at Bo Ryan Court from 10:00 AM – Noon. Volunteers will be needed.
- \* Hap Daus reminded the members of the Platteville HS Scholarship Dinner/Auction on February 13.
- \* Birthday wishes were extended to Charlie Clark, celebrating on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- \* President Weier stated a nice time was had by all at the Friday evening social with Joyce Clark being the annual recipient of the Shell Lamp.
- \* President Weier announced that Delta 3 Engineering, Inc. has joined as a Friend of Optimist, thanks to Howard Crofoot. Maxine will prepare a plaque.

### **Program:**

Excitement is building as the new library project becomes a reality.

Jesse announced that on February 13, the Platteville Public Library is sponsoring Antique Expert, Mark Moran at the Platteville Municipal Auditorium. This event is open to the public; however, preregistration is required to have items appraised.

Jesse presented schematics of the new library. The first floor is oriented towards adults, providing adult reading selections, periodicals, computers, social media, and a large study room. The second floor is designed for children and young adults. The second floor also provides a community room which will be available after hours. Jesse stated per the contractor, move in should be by Christmas, 2016. Fundraising projects are currently being considered, such as naming rights to certain areas. The move process is also being considered and currently books that are not any longer being checked out will be pulled and made available for sale. Another facet being considered is to hire a professional team to assist with the move or look to community volunteers. Jesse stated the foot print of the library is being doubled, from 10.5M square feet to 22M square feet. Also being considered is making coffee available on the first floor to further create an environment where people want to come and stay.



**President Ron Weier and guest speaker Jesse Lee-Jones.**

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



