

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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

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Attendance: 28 Members – Joan Bahr, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Hap Daus, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Mark Haas, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: Our guest speaker this morning was John-Paul Butcher, PreK-12 Art teacher at Platteville.

Mystery Greeter: Tom Nall was our mystery person this morning, greeting Jerry Schewe, who had left so Joy was the alternate recipient of the free ticket to the joker draw.

Sympathy Card: President Schambow shared with the members that Pat Moxness’s father had passed away on Christmas Day. A card was circulated for everyone to sign.

Joker Draw: Dave Jones was holding the lucky ticket, drawing the 7 of diamonds.

Sippy Cup Award: Two awards were given this morning. The first going to Joy Schewe and not far behind was Dave Jones. Accidents do happen and we love to capture them. Thanks for Being such good sports! Many thanks also to our waitress, Linda Voigts, for being so prompt to deliver the famous ‘sippy cup’.



Announcements:

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

* President Schambow shared with everyone a Christmas card that was received from Barb Stockhausen, H & R Block.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: n/a

Annual Holiday Party: Reminder this is the final day to sign up. Currently 48 are attending.

Dime-a-Day: Reminder to give your donation of \$36.50 to Jerry Schewe if you choose to participate. Checks should be payable to Optimist International Foundation.

100 Picture: Members were reminded this will take place at 7 AM, UWP Fieldhouse track on January 7. Picture will be submitted to Optimist International on behalf of their Centennial Year Celebration.

Dubuque Fighting Saints Youth Trip: We have 28 students from Platteville Middle School signed up, along with Kelly Sponsler, school faculty and chaperone. We have 50 tickets reserved so are hoping for additional members to join. A signup sheet was circulated. W Wodarz stated he would need final numbers next Friday. President Schambow also announced that partial payment for the bus was being donated by Greg & Mary Sieckman through their Thrivent Account. Thank you Greg & Mary, your generosity does not go unnoticed.

Program: Thanks to Eileen Engelke, we had the pleasure of welcoming John-Paul Butcher as our guest speaker this morning. John-Paul is a graduate of UW-Stout Bachelor in Art Education. He received his master's degree from Kearney, NE. John-Paul taught one year in Yuma, CO, five years at Iowa-Grant, eight years at Osseo-Fairchild and has been with the Platteville School District for the past 3 years. He teaches art at elementary, middle school and high school levels.



John-Paul provided a handout, highlighting his presentation on “The Hillmen Art Connection”. The purpose of this program is:

- *to promote the 1st – 12th grade(s) art department
- *bring recognition to our students
- *fund the art department

This program was introduced by John-Paul and has effectively achieved all three purposes. There are currently 27 local businesses that support the program financially and there is a waiting list of businesses that are waiting to join in. The donation of \$200/year from participating businesses provides funding to purchase necessary art supplies, which previously was paid for by students. Throughout the year, 33 pieces of art, designed by students are displayed in these local businesses. Art work rotates throughout the businesses, thanks to the many parent/teacher volunteers. John-Paul personally notifies parents as to the location of student artwork and he, along with other school faculty, decide which artwork qualifies for display. The bio of John-Paul included the following statement which I found to be powerful and inspiring. Time was allowed for questions.

“I am an **Innovative Art Educator** who strives to be the best at what I do. I continually push myself to go the extra mile and to give my students nothing less than a **QUALITY** art education. My ultimate goal is not only to touch the developing minds of young students...but to inspire **GREATNESS** in them as well!

Weekly Speakers:

Thank you to Joan Bahr and Pat Moxness for coordinating our January speakers.

January 4: Business Meeting

January 11: Ellen Wiegman – Homeschooling

January 18: TBA

January 25: Dr. Ray Sloan – Exploring the Wonders of Peru

Friend of Youth

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

*Happy
New Year*