

# ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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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”***

**Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, June 29, 2018**

**Attendance:** 25 members: Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Beth Frieders, Donna Gavin, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Jordan Holthaus, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Bob Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

**Guests:** Maxine introduced her guest, Sultana Amin. Sultana’s son, Aiden, has been a participant in the Oratorical contest the past two years, which is how Maxine met Sultana. Sultana is currently planning a trip back to her country of Bangladesh, where her parents still live. She would like to become more involved in the community and is seriously considering a membership in the Optimist. In addition to her son Aiden, she has a daughter, Arianna.

**Mystery Greeter:** “That would be me” announced Dan Engelke, having greeted Hap Daus.

**Joker Draw:** We had to recruit a ‘new joker draw manager’ this morning, Steve Lane being the lucky guy! The number called matched that of Duane Borgen, cutting the jack of spades, wining \$2.00.

**Mail/Thank You Notes:** President Wodarz announced we had received an invitation to the Badger Camp open house on July 15 along with a thank you from the Community Theatre, with four complimentary tickets.

**Announcements:**

\***Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Celebrating anniversaries, Terry Ellis-6/29 and Howard Crofoot-6/30.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>:** President Wodarz summed up the evening as “A Blast”! From all observations, it appeared to be a great event and great time had by all. Wayne had a collage of pictures from John Dutcher that he circulated.

**Football Fund Craze:** 22 tickets remain out of 100. Please purchase one for yourself if you choose not to sell. Great fundraiser for our club as we receive \$13 back for each ticket sold. Please help!

**OI Logo Museum Train:** President Wodarz is seeking help to install the OI road sign logo we received last year and is pending installation on the Mining Museum Train as the current signage is illegible. With the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, President Wodarz felt it would be good to have installed as soon as possible. Mike Hahn volunteered to manage getting the sign installed.

**Other:**

\*Board Meeting on Monday, July 2

\*Party in the Park on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

\*SWIS District 4<sup>th</sup> quarter conference August 3 & 4, Waukesha

\*Maxine brought samples of new shirts, stating orders were due on or before July 16-17. We are adding a Khaki color as well as a red polo (same as navy last year, which is also available) and looking at a navy t-shirt.

**Program:** Our speaker for today, Jason Julius, Principal at Platteville Middle School was coordinated by Charlie Clark. In the absence of Charlie this morning, Mike Hahn had the pleasure of introducing Jason. A sneak peek why Charlie was absent. Perhaps I should clarify, this is a new grandson, Dylan Henry! Congrats Joyce & Charlie.

Back to our speaker, Jason Julius!

Just a couple comments of my own, if you please. If I had a child in our school system, having listened to Jason Julius in his capacity as Principal at the Middle School, I would have no doubt my child was in good hands, safe and receiving a good education. Our school system is very fortunate to have Mr. Jason Julius!

As a Physics/Math/Calculus teacher in Reedsburg, Jason returned to Platteville in 1999, continuing his role as an educator. He is married, his wife Julie, and they have 3 boys. He shared the status of his three boys, one an Iowa State Grad, one attending University of Eau Claire and his youngest a sophomore in high school. He believes the success of his boys is directly related to the good foundation received in raising his boys in the Platteville community, a stable, small town with people who have good values.



In 2002, Jason received his Administrator license. He found that the transition from teacher to administrator to be very challenging. He explained going from one day working with kids to the next day responding to child behavioral issues and/or staff needs. Over time, he realized and found his role to be teaching students to be good people and well-rounded/responsible adults. He described the three phases of students, which was most interesting and so true when you thought about it:

Elementary – adult pleasers, want to please the teachers as well as parents

Middle School – peer pleasers, being a part of the ‘in crowd’ and at times perhaps making bad decisions

High School – self pleasers do what pleases me, discover who I am

Jason answered many questions, touching on technology in school, students and cell phones, building security concerns, active shooter procedures with the recent situations in other cities, plus more.

**July Speakers** – *Thank you to Duane Borgen for coordinating July speakers!*

July 13 – Kent Scheurell – Living and caring for a spouse with Alzheimer’s (C Clark coordinator)

July 20 – Bill Kloster/Alaine Olthafer-Lange – Municipal Airport fly-in breakfast, etc.

July 27 – Scott Sandholm – 20 years of NASA Global Troposphere (K Haerten coordinator)

~~Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane

