

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 – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, Tim Wood.

Guests: President Schambow acknowledged and welcomed our speaker, Ron Boldt and also welcomed Bob Hundhausen, a current member of the Platteville Area Optimist Club that is disbanding and members are transferring to our club.

Member Updates:

*President Schambow circulated a card for Duane and Amy Borgen. Amy’s mother passed away and services were on Thursday.

*Tim Wood, a new member who joined following the NOW luncheon had requested time from President Schambow to share with the membership his vision impairment. Tim stated through his explanation, it would make him more comfortable as well as comforting members with more knowledge about his situation. He stated he has some vision, usually follows people until he becomes better acquainted with locations he frequents and further explained his vision capacity and perimeter. He felt it important for members to know if we speak to him, depending on location and distance from him, if he does not respond it is because he does not see us. He is becoming more comfortable with our meeting location and appreciates the courtesies and optimism extended by members.

Mystery Greeter: Charlie Clark was our mystery greeter and he mysteriously greeted Paul Budden.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: No birthdays in the immediate future to acknowledge; however the following were celebrating anniversaries: Phil and Sandy Swift and Wayne and Julie Wodarz – 6/26 and Steve and Maxine Lane – 6/27.

Joker Draw: Ron Boldt read the number and Gary Engelke claimed the ticket, drawing the 8 of clubs..

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

- President Schambow acknowledged and thanked Eileen Engelke for covering for Duane this morning.
- Maxine Lane requested coverage for recording secretary next Friday as she will be in Louisville at the OI International Convention. Chris Budden volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:

- Golf Social – June 22, at PGCC with all events kicking off at 9:00 AM
- Party in the Park – Thursday, July 25. Signup sheet will be forthcoming

Program: It was a pleasure to welcome Ron Boldt to our meeting this morning, thanks to Ken Kamps for arranging this speaking engagement. Ron's topic was the history of the Platteville fire department.



Several years back, Ken served a term on the Platteville Police and Fire Commission. In this capacity, it was necessary to attend/visit a fire department meeting. Ken stated attending this meeting gave him new respect for the members as he further realized what they do for the community, the camaraderie and respect/loyalty they have for each other and the brotherhood that exists.

Ron covered in some 20-25 minutes which usually takes an hour. Following is a brief summary of dates touched on by Ron as well as points of interest over time.

- 1874 – Fire department was created following a fire that started on Second Street (second building off of Main Street on left hand side) and took out 2 blocks of structures on Main Street. At that time, all structures were of wood, no brick and mortar.
- May, 1874 Hook & Ladder Company Wagon made in Platteville was received which was man powered by 60 men – cost \$300. Eventually man power was replaced by horse power.
- Nov, 1874 petitioned for more man power due to the earlier devastating fire. Mound City Engine Company produced a Babcock Chemical Engine for the department.
- 1875 – Fire bell constructed in City Park. In the event of a fire, you had to go to the bell and ring it to alert the firemen.
- 1883 – City Hall built with bell tower and fire bell was relocated.
- 1891 – Fireman Brass Band organized and marched/performed in all community events.
- 1894 – Hydrants installed on Main Street.
- 1919 – 2 story structure located where Garvey's Station is located burnt. Worst disaster in city and department. 3 firemen and 5 other people lost their lives from flying bricks due to internal combustion from the building.
- 1926 – City Hall burned; bell tower destroyed and lost Hooks Ladder Wagon as well as Babcock.
- 1928 – New Hall constructed as it exists today.
- 1937 – Equipment expanded to include a rural truck to fight fires in the country
- 1951 – 2 companies' combined into 1 to form Platteville Fire Department
- 1965 – New station as we know it today

Time was allowed for Q & A

Weekly Speakers: Thanks to Ken Kamps for scheduling our speakers during the month of June.
June 28: Tom Goodney who is an expert witness at trials

Thanks to Karen Kurt for coordinating our July speakers.

July 5: Business Meeting

July 12: Ela Kakde, Director of Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation PAIDC

July 19: Karen Kurt, City Manager

July 26: Ashley Riniker, owner of D.I.E.T. (Do I Eat That?)

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane



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