

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, November 10, 2017

Attendance: 30 Members –Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Arnie Roper, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier.

In the absence of President Wodarz, 1st VP Barb Stockhausen facilitated the meeting.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier greeted Carley Borcharding, earning her a free entry into the Joker Draw.

Joker Draw: The excitement built as everyone was searching for the ticket, with Dan Engelke being the lucky holder! Drawing the Queen of Hearts, his excitement was short lived!

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Celebrating Birthdays...Laura Brown, November 16, George Byykkonen and Mike Olds, November 18 and Mary Sieckman on November 25.

Thank You Notes: Certificate of Appreciation received from American Legion Auxiliary acknowledging our contribution to the Girls State Citizenship Training Program.

Platteville Holiday Project: Toy pickup will start today with final pickup day on December 8.

Santa Calling: Dates are scheduled for December 12, 13, 14. A volunteer signup sheet was circulated.

50th Anniversary: President Wodarz has scheduled a Planning Committee Meeting for November 27.

WI Badger Camp Event: December 9 at Holiday Gardens, Potosi.

Optimist Caps: reminded members to purchase a cap for \$7 and represent our club.

Speaker Coordinators: Becky Schambow announced we need a coordinator for December, 2018.

New Club Organized: SWIS Governor Gary extended a Thank You to the club for supporting the new club in the SWIS District, Sussex WI. Our club is one of the sponsors and will be recognized as a Builder of Excellence. Governor Gary attended the initial meeting and stated the new club is starting with 38 members.

Newsletter Articles: If you have an article for the December Newsletter, get it to Maxine by November 23.

Post-Holiday Party: Becky Schambow announced the Fellowship Committee met last night and the Post-Holiday Party has been scheduled for Saturday, January 20 at the Elks. Plan to attend, details will follow.

Meeting(s) Reminder:

*No Meeting on Friday, November 24th. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 28th at Platteville Business Incubator, 7:00 AM

*Next Meeting, Friday, December 1 (Business Meeting) **Food Pantry Collection**

Program: Thanks to Duane Borgen for organizing our speaker, City Manager, Karen Kurt. Karen Kurt has served as the City Manager of the City of Platteville since July 2015. She previously held positions as Assistant City Manager for Edina, Minnesota and Human Resources and Support Services Manager for Eden Prairie, Minnesota. While she most recently lived in the Twin Cities, Karen is no stranger to the tristate area. Her parents were originally from Cascade, Iowa and Karen spent her early childhood years living in Dubuque, Iowa.



Having visited our meeting approximately 1 year ago, Karen recalled the challenge the City was faced with, which was to decrease expenses and increase revenues. A summary report was provided, outlining multiple avenues the City implemented to accomplish their goal and the progress that had been realized over the past year.

Karen stated the City Council will focus on six (6) themes during 2018, Business, Marketing, Connections, Housing, Employee Relations and Fiscal Sustainability. Karen pointed out an interesting concept, indicating that city management is a competitive business. The Council believes by focusing on the six (6) themes, we can create and sustain a community where families would choose to live.

Proposed Capital Improvements were made available for members, in the areas of Infrastructure Projects, Equipment and Other (street improvements, signage, City Hall updates, etc). To accomplish the long range planning, Karen shared possibilities for CIP funding and tax levy increases.

Karen reviewed several developments within the City:

- *Former Pioneer Site – construction to start spring, 2018
- *St. Augustine Redevelopment, construction starting spring, 2018
- *Lots across from former EMS sold to developer for construction of duplex
- *Moundview Cheese now operating in former Stone Mill building
- *Cold Storage Building to be constructed in new Industrial Park
- *Strip Mall going up on Vision Drive across from Ubersox
- *Plans submitted for remodeling Piggly Wiggly and Menards

One final project benefitting households in Platteville is the replacement of lead service lines. There are over 526 known lead service lines and some 310 residents have applied for the program. The City pays 100% of cost up to \$1,140 through two grants that were received.

Time was allowed for questions and answers.

Very interesting presentation with valuable information shared.



Weekly Speakers:

November 24 – No Meeting

December Programs, Coordinator, Gary & Eileen Engelke

December 1 – Business Meeting

December 8 – TBA

December 15 – Brent Bowers, Exec. Director WI Badger Camp

December 22 – No Speaker, share a favorite Christmas Memory

December 29 – No Meeting

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane

