

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, March 23, 2018

<u>Attendance:</u> 31 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Brian Brown, Laura Brown, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Beth Frieders, Kevin

Haertzen, Dave Jones, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Pat Moxness, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Virg Pufahl, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Becky Schambow, Pam Stark, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Naomi Wells, Wayne Wodarz.

\*A good laugh is always welcome on a Friday morning and President Wodarz had some fun seeing Tim Murphy a/k/a Father Murphy, return this morning.

Mystery Greeter: Becky was on the docket this morning, greeting Dave Jones for a Joker Draw ticket.

**Joker Draw:** Howard, who we have not heard from in a while, was holding the lucky ticket. As Charlie spread the cards, the tension grew and up popped the 3 of Clubs!

## Announcements:

<u>Birthdays/Anniversaries:</u> We had birthday twins today, Linda Thomas and Wayne Wodarz, both celebrating on March 24.

Thank You/Club Acknowledgements: n/a

## Youth Activities:

\*Oratorical: Zone contest was held on March 17, 4 students participating, two from Platteville and two from Brodhead. Aidan Amin, sponsored by our club will be going on to complete at District on May 4-5.

\*Tri-Star Basketball: Saturday, April 7 at UW-P Bo Ryan Court, Noon – 2:00. Tim Boldt reported 150 registration forms were delivered to the schools. Maxine also stated she posted the event on our Facebook page. The posting was boosted, allowing more users to be reached, and last count some 1,800 Facebook users saw the event posting.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:

\*Final ad was circulated for members to view,

\*Proclamation and check presentation for tot slide donation will take place at the Council Meeting on April 24. President Wodarz encouraged members to attend.

## Miscellaneous:

\*NOW Luncheon is scheduled for April 21 at FELC Fellowship Hall,

\*invitations provided to members via email to share with guests

\*seeking donation of silent auction items

**<u>Program:</u>** Many thanks to Ron Weier for arranging our speakers this morning, Angie Pierce, Campus Administrator and Lu Ann Bowman, Property Manager, both representing Park Place Senior Living.

Angie Pierce, RN, BSN, is a graduate of Clark College. She has over 20 years of experience caring for seniors and joined Park Place as the administrator when the doors opened in 2008. Angie explained the Senior Living Campus has three sections, Assisted Living with 26 units, Independent Residents has 33 apartments, and the Memory Care Unit has 17 rooms. Joining Park Place Senior Living Center was a change for Angie as it is a family owned business and her prior experience was with public entities. Park Place Senior Living is one of seven locations owned by the Griffin family, starting in Prairie du Sac and the most recent location, All Saints Living in Madison. Angie stated she is very selective in hiring staff. Some of the qualities she looks for is someone with a good heart, able to build relationships, working with the residents gives them a purpose in life, they feel that working at Park Place Senior Living was their 'calling' in life and they are committed to making a difference in someone's life.

Lu Ann Bowman spent 30+ years in the financial services industry and when she discovered it was time for a change, she applied for and became a Resident Assistant at Park Place Senior Living. Having visited her father at Park Place Senior Living, she found the environment extremely inviting and in September, 2017 accepted the

position of Property Manager for the Senior Apartments area of the campus. Lu Ann stated her biggest challenge is turning down applicants as the units are full and people are waiting to get in. The residents in the Senior Apartments must be able to live independently and do everything for themselves. Senior Apartment residents are given first priority to transfer into either the Assisted Living and/or Memory Care, provided space is available. Lu Ann stated she loves her job as it allows her to introduce those 55 years and better to an exciting new chapter of life that includes friends, engaging activities, and services that make life more carefree.

An informative handout was provided, covering all the amenities offered at Park Place Senior Living and a layout of the facility. Time was allowed for questions and answers.



Ron Weier, Lu Ann Bowman, Angie Pierce

#### Weekly Speakers:

March Programs, Coordinator(s) Charlie Clark & Ron Weier

March 30 –Dr. Wontor returns and shares his experience practicing in Alaska April 6 – Business Meeting April 13 – TBA April 20 – TBA

April 27 - TBA

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by M Lane.

