

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

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



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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 2019

Attendance: 31 members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Penny Droessler, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Bob Hundhausen, David Jones, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Diane Paynter, Virgil Pufahl, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz,

Guests: Larry Lloyd, speaker; no other guests.

Mystery Greeter: Paul Budden greeted Kevin Haertzen who received a ticket for the Joker Draw.

Anniversaries: None

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Phil Swift who is celebrating his birthday on December 23rd.

Joker Draw: Larry Lloyd drew the ticket held by our very own Maxine Lane. Maxine drew the two of Spades and walked away with her \$2.

Mail /Thank You Notes /Club Acknowledgements / Special Announcements:

- President Engelke presented a Card/Gift to Linda Foht for our wait staff
- Maxine Lane reported that Steve Lane is home a recovering nicely from his surgery.
- President Engelke circulated a card for Jim Boebel who received a kidney donated by his sister-in-law Laurie.
- Thank You cards/letters for recent donations were received from the Girl Scouts, Platteville Special Olympics, and from Muscoda, Platteville, Livingston, Monfort, Lancaster, and Hazel Green libraries for our support for StoryWalks.

Old Business / Reminders:

- A sign-up sheet for our Annual Holiday Party on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020 was circulated.
- Maggie Kleisath reminded us of the Alone for Christmas Dinner being held at First English Lutheran Church on Christmas day. She thanked Chad and Country Kitchen for preparing the turkeys. Donations of salads, pies and cookies would be appreciated.

New Business:

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Program: Maxine Lane introduced Larry Lloyd, Senior Pastor of Community Evangelical Free Church. Larry's talk was entitled "Failing French and Growing in Grace – 15 years of being American on the French/Swiss border".



Pastor Lloyd lived on the French/Swiss border while working at an international church in Geneva, Switzerland. In the "Failing French" portion of his talk, Larry shared several humorous stories about living in France while never being proficient in speaking French. He described his French as never being above "dog level".

Geneva is a very beautiful and wealthy city. It ranked third on the Big Mac index which means it was the third most expensive place in the world to buy a Big Mac.

Geneva is also the headquarters for many international businesses and organizations. His congregation there was made up of people from 60 different countries. Many were very successful people who were at the top of their game. The

common denominator he found in these successful people was humility. The take away or grace he discovered while serving his congregation was that life is a gift. A saying he shared was life is like a turtle on a fence post. One thing you know for sure is that he did not get there by himself.

Upcoming Speakers:

- **December 27:** Nick Martinez, Snap Fitness - Physical Fitness, appropriate at any age
- **January 3rd, 2020 – Business Meeting and possible speaker Arnie Roper who graciously wants to donate Baseball / Football cards from his collection as a fundraiser for our Club.**
- **January 10th: 2020:** Bob Hundhausen – How Elections Affect the Market
- **January 17th:** Dan Rohrbach – CEO Southwest Health
- **January 24th:** Pending
- **January 31st:** Jeffrey Huebschman (*Advisor*); Jack Rasmussen & Nick Nelson (*UWP Students*) – Research project on "Flying Squirrels"

Highlights of Meeting Recorded by: Chris Budden

