

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

CURRENTLY MEETING 7:00 AM FRIDAYS AT COUNTRY KITCHEN, HWY 151, PLATTEVILLE, WI

Friday, May 6, 2016

Attendance: Twenty-two (22) members: *Ron Weier, *Ken Kamps, Kevin Haertzen, *Steve Lane, *Maxine Lane, *Gary Engelke, *Eileen Engelke, John Urness, Beth Frieders, Doug Martin, *Leon Neuheisel, Wayne Wodarz, Bob Stephens, *Bob Weier, Duane Borgen, Tim Boldt, *Charlie Clark, Dave Jones, Diane VanNatta, *Hap Daus, Becki Schambow, *Arnie Roper, *Maggie Kleisath
* Optimist attire worn by 12 members.

Mystery Greeter: Tim Boldt was busy shaking hands this morning and the lucky winner of a free Joker Draw ticket was Bob Stephens.

Luck of the Draw: In the interest of time, President Weier asked Kevin Haertzen to draw for the free breakfast during the month of May. Kevin went four for four. Those present and eligible for a free breakfast during May were Arnie Roper and Bob Stephens. Members not in attendance with a free breakfast due them in May were Guy Stead and Kathy Kopp.

For the Joker Draw, Wayne Wodarz was "\$2 lucky," missing a joker by two cards.

Business Meeting:

Announcements:

- * Gary Engelke attended the 3rd Quarter SWIS District Conference and joined the other SWIS District Clubs who participates in the Fantasy Football Program. Tickets are \$20/each with proceeds supporting OI as well as participating clubs. For many years our club participated in the program; however, somehow over the years was overlooked. Please contact Gary Engelke, 732-6663 if interested in purchasing one or more tickets. Several were sold at the meeting with some being assigned to members to sell to family and friends.
- * Although there were no birthdays or wedding anniversaries for this week, President Weier acknowledged the following membership anniversaries: Arnie Roper (life member-1977), Jan Waite-1991, Jim Schneller-1993 and Leon Neuheisel-2011. Arnie Roper was further acknowledged by the membership in recognition of his 39 years of loyalty to the Platteville Optimist.
- * President Weier announced that 40 attended the Platteville Area Optimists Bike Rodeo. Despite the rain, every had an enjoyable time and it was a good response. Thanks to Ken, Ron and Wayne for helping.
- * President Weier informed the club that Tom Nall donated \$35.00 to OI Childhood Cancer. This is a quarterly computation, based on the number of Optimists wearing their shirts on Friday morning, for which he donates .50/shirt.
- * PHS Scholarship Program is May 16th. Jackson Gormley is the recipient of the 1,000.00 Optimist Scholarship, which President Weier will present.
- * We are looking at touring Wisconsin Badger Camp. June 24 was a tentative date; however, it was agreed that we should perhaps look at a day other than Friday to avoid conflict with our morning meeting.
- * Optimist volunteers have agreed to maintain the picnic area next to Country Kitchen.

- * Doug Martin is looking into the Optimist adopting a highway near Platteville for trash cleanup.
- * Program on 'Just Say No to Drugs' with the Platteville Middle School and PPD, coordinated by the Platteville Optimists is being delayed until the fall, the new school year.
- * We again will donate \$200.00 to College for Kids, which supports 2 kids attending.

Finance/Administrative Committee:

Treasurer's Report – Ken Kamps presented the Treasurer's Report, providing balance information in both the internal account as well as the youth account, stating further that there are funds to be paid from the youth account yet this year.

President Election – Kevin Haertzen was officially elected as President on motion of Gary Engelke, second by Bob Weier. Carried.

Platteville Library Foundation – The proposal of \$10,000 over five years was discussed, with no final action being taken. One source of funding that was considered was doing additional cheese curd sales, such as Crawford County, which Gary Engelke had been approached about. Further discussion will be at the Board level with recommendation(s) brought back to the membership.

Joker Draw - Following considerable discussion and multiple suggestions from members over the past few weeks, procedural updates for the Joker Draw were presented, with the Board's recommendation for approval on motion by John Urness. Having been established several years ago, a number of issues recently surfaced which the new procedures will effectively address. Following brief discussion, the recommendation/motion from the Board was seconded by Charlie Clark. Motion carried and new procedures will become effective immediately. A copy of the adopted procedures will be retained in club documentation.

Youth Activities:

Westview Playground Equipment – Donation of \$1,000 was approved on motion of Doug Martin, second by Kevin Haertzen. Carried. (half to come from joker draw funds, other half from youth account.

Special Education Request – Donation of \$120.00 to help fund the rental of the Aquatic Center for an event being sponsored by Special Education to benefit Special Education students. After brief discussion, request was approved on motion of Maxine Lane, seconded by Leon Neuheisel. Carried. Monies to be taken from joker draw funds.

Fellowship/Weekly Programs:

- * Will be working with Guy Stead to possibly have a bean bag/cookout social at their home.
- * Charlie previously commented on the Overture Center outing in October for Capitol Steps.

Old Business:

President Weier reminded the membership that we do have a need for three (3) Board Members and a Second Vice President. Also, the position of Secretary is still pending.

Upcoming Speakers:

- 5/13 - Kim Heinrichs, talking about writing/publishing her book "Who's Got Lilly's Swimsuit?"
- 5/20 - Rita Udelhoven, Owner, Mindful Solutions Counseling and UW-P Psychology Instructor
- 5/27 - Hannah Campbell-Gustafson, Director, Grant County Family Promise