

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, May 19, 2017

Attendance: 24 Members – Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Fall, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, John Urness, Bob Weier, Wayne Wodarz

Mystery Greeter: Becky Schambow was greeted this morning by Bob Weier.

Joker Draw: Luck was with Steve Lane this morning, holding the winning ticket when the number was called, he cut the cards to reveal the Joker!!

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Becky Schambow will be celebrating a birthday on May 22.

Thank You Note: A very special thank you from Keegan Weigel was received, thanking the club for the Tri-Star Basketball program and the trophy he received. Note was circulated for all to enjoy.

OI Awards: President Haertzen had the pleasure of recognizing three members this morning with new membership awards from OI. Becky Schambow was recognized with a pin for having recruited her first new member into Platteville Optimist. Charlie Clark received pins for having recruited 10 new members during his tenure as a member and a pin from OI President, Jim Kondrasuk for having recruited at least 3 new members this fiscal year. Maxine Lane was also recognized with a pin from Jim Kondrasuk for recruiting 3 new members this year.

Conference Review: President Elect, Wayne Wodarz summarized for the membership the third quarter conference that he attended over the past week-end in the WI Dells. He stated the group was smaller, perhaps related to it being Mother's Day week-end; however, still a favorable turn-out with great information and networking. The focus was on building membership allowing for more children to be positively impacted by the work Optimists do. He stated further it was a pleasure listening to the top three Oratorical presenters and commented there is a great deal of talent in these young people.

Optimist Scholarship: President Elect, Wayne Wodarz reported that he had the opportunity on Monday evening to present the \$1,000 Optimist Scholarship to Bridget Kelley, daughter of Mark and Sheila Kelley.

Program:

Our month of public service presentations continued this morning. Many thanks to Fern Nall for bringing Platteville Police Chief, Doug McKinley and Fire Chief Ryan Simmons to our morning breakfast meeting. It was a pleasure to welcome both back to our Optimist Meeting as it is always interesting to hear from them and hear what they are doing to help protect our community.

Chief McKinley stated it was great to join us today as it is National Police Week. McKinley joined the Platteville Police Department in 1991, serving



in various capacities and assuming the role of Police Chief in 2005. Chief McKinley stated recruits for law enforcement are far and few between compared to years ago. The department currently has 1 vacancy with 17 applicants pending review. The PPD staff consists of 20 sworn officers, 6 dispatchers, a number of community service officers, office manager and secretaries. He complimented the community on the support the Platteville Police Department receives on an ongoing basis.

Fire Chief Ryan Simmons has a history with the Fire Department, joining in 2001, serving in multiple capacities and assuming his current position and responsibilities as Chief in February 2014. The maximum number of volunteers is 60 and the roster currently has 55. He stated in addition to fighting fires, the department also participates in educating the community. He proceeded to cover both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. He encouraged the replacement of batteries annually. He also informed the membership that these detectors both have an effective life span, 7 years on the CO detector and 10 years on the smoke detector. He further encouraged replacing these items if older than the years indicated.

He briefly addressed the topic of severe weather, considering the siren blew twice this past week. The so called tornado siren is not just sounded when a tornado is sighted; it is sounded for severe weather, anticipating further storm potential, high winds, hail, etc. The trucks begin to start monitoring the surrounding area from various locations approximately 40 minutes in advance as notified from the PPD dispatchers. Both McKinley and Simmons assured the members there is consistent communication between departments during severe weather.

Simmons discussed the purchase of the new engine, replacing one that was some 36 years old. He stated it has state-of-the-art technology and electronics. As equipment and trucks continue to age, departments must monitor to continually comply with federal codes that are mandatory.

There were many, many questions for both Chief McKinley and Chief Simmons, all responded to which generated further discussions. This was definitely a very informative presentation. McKinley and Simmons were both thanked for the service they give to our community.

Weekly Speakers: **May Programs, Coordinator(s), Fern Nall**

May 26 – Grant County Sheriff Nate Dreckman (update on Kids in Crisis and design/progress of new jail)

June Programs, Coordinator(s), Ken Kamps

June 2 – Business Meeting

June 9 – Jon Meidinger (Senior Center)

June 16 – Larry Bowden (Platteville Brewery)

June 23 – Dr. Jeff White (presenter and induction as new member)

June 30 – Brian Allen, EMS Director

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