

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”



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Attendance: 31 members - Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Penny Droessler, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Dennis Helbing, Bob Hundhausen, David Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Steve Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Tim Murphy, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Diane Paynter, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jen Schweigert, Robert Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: President Schambow acknowledged and welcomed Barb Lange-Okey, our speaker this morning and also welcomed Rod Thomas, husband of Optimist member, Linda Thomas.



Special Presentation: The morning started with President Schambow presenting the ‘prestigious sippy cup award’ to Steve Lane. She stated that Saturday’s are ‘kid’s day at Country Kitchen’ and we had our own kid present today. Thanks for being a good sport Steve/

Mystery Greeter: Ken Kamps was the recipient of the lucky handshake from mystery greeter, Dan Engelke..

Anniversaries/Birthdays: Matt and Nicole Tyc will celebrate an anniversary on September 23 and celebrating an upcoming birthday is Bob Stephens on September 23.



Joker Draw: Ken Kamps was ‘Mr. Lucky’ this morning, not only being the mystery greeter recipient but also holding the lucky ticket when the number was announced for the joker draw....and the picture speakers for itself!!!

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements: Received from

- Platteville School District
- Platteville Community Arboretum
- Optimist International
- President Schambow extended a thank you to the Linda Thomas, Peggy Compton and the Fellowship Committee for their work in coordinating the pizza party.

Cheese Curds: Gary Engelke brought the left over cheese curds from Dairy Days as we were rained out on Sunday. They were for sale to members, \$3/bag or \$5/2

OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:

- President Schambow announced today was the final day for Food Pantry donations
- Final day to sign up for installation/awards banquet on Sunday, September 29
- President Schambow again requested volunteers for drafting/issuing the weekly Rooster Call Bulletin. She stated a template has been created to help simplify the process.
- Fern Nall announced that the United Way Campaign is currently underway and provided information on the upcoming Fun Night event on October 2 at Steve's Pizza.

PROGRAM: Thanks to Linda Thomas for bringing Barb Lange-Okey to our weekly meeting as a guest speaker. Born and raised in Platteville, Barb and her husband Brian, have two children and two grandchildren.



Barb joined us today to share her story of needing a kidney transplant, the steps that led to having a donor with a perfect match and the successful outcome.

Diagnosed with a kidney disease in 1999, Barb was monitored up until August, 2017 when she received word she would need a kidney transplant within 5 years. Needless to say, this was alarming news she and her family had to cope with and she was immediately placed on a recipient list. Within two months of learning she would need a transplant, word came that she needed it immediately, the initial five year opinion was removed as an option. The search for a compatible donor became more critical and instantaneous. One of five children, her older sister, Becky was tested; however a match was not to be. A second older sister, Brenda, proved to be a perfect match and on November 5, 2018, Barb received a kidney from her sister Brenda. With the perfect 100%

match, which is very rare, Barb and Brenda were asked to participate in a study, which they willingly did so. Barb continues to go for checkups and has lowered the number of rejection meds she takes daily. Future testing will hopefully bring about eliminating rejection meds all together.

This topic was of special interest to Rod and Linda Thomas as several years ago, Linda donated a kidney to husband, Rod. Time was allowed for Q & A.

Upcoming September speakers coordinated by Linda Thomas:

Sept. 27: Kristy Scoville, Agrace

October speakers coordinated by Tom Nall and Dan Engelke

- October 11th – Dr. Jeff Kueter – Air Force Experiences / Serving past Presidents (*Becky*)
- October 18th – Lynn Parrott – Domestic Abuse Mot Family Advocates (*Fern/Tom*)
- October 25th – Jenna Phillips – Platteville Farmers Market (*Dan*)

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane.

Annual Installation/Awards Banquet

You may pay at the event and/or pay Duane at our meeting this Friday morning. Reservations have been made and we have to pay for the number reserved. With this in mind and the cost being incurred, we will unfortunately have to have payment even if your plans change and last minute you are unable to attend.