

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: 33 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Penny Droessler, Dan Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Bob Hundhausen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Karen Kurt, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz, Terry Wood, Tim Wood.

Guests: President Schambow acknowledged and welcomed our speaker and member, Karen Kurt. She also welcomed her guest and longtime friend, Diane Paynter. Last, but certainly not least, she had the pleasure to welcoming back Jim Boebel, the new Superintendent at the Platteville School District, who has submitted his application into the club.

Congrats to Bob Weier and Pat Moxness: President Schambow announced for the benefit of those who perhaps were not aware, that Bob and Pat were being united in marriage on Saturday, July 20. To wish them the best and let them know we are thinking about them on their special day, a card was passed for everyone to sign and add words of congratulations.



Ooops Award: Known as the ‘sippy cup award’ was presented jointly this morning to Dan Engelke and Carley Borcharding. It was Dan’s water that Carley spilled.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Stephens was the mystery greeter shaking hands this morning. The recipient was Dave Jones, a/k/a “Mr. Cub”.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None of record this morning.

Joker Draw: Tim Boldt was holding the lucky ticket, but no lucky draw.

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements: President Schambow read a thank you from Dylan Pink’s mother, Kim, on behalf of the entire family, for the opportunity provided to Dylan throughout the Oratorical contest. He is one of 49 finalists out of 27,000 participants and will be competing this weekend in the finals in St. Louis.

OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:

- Party in the Park – Thursday, July 25. Signup sheet will be forthcoming
- Grant County Fair mostly filled. Signup circulated for last minute needs on Friday and Saturday night closing shifts.
- Reminder on August 23 we will travel to Kieler Farms, car pool from Country Kitchen. Additional details will be forthcoming

Program: It was a pleasure to welcome our club member and City Manager, Karen Kurt.



Karen started her presentation, stating it was somewhat bittersweet, having the opportunity to address her Optimist Member associates while at the same time in just a few short weeks she would be leaving her position as City Manager, relocating to Iowa, assuming a position related to Regional Planning while also being closer to family.

Karen reflected on our community and assured members our Optimist Creed was displayed on the bulletin board in her office. She offered up several reasons why Optimism exists in Platteville, mentioning three out of many, Mary Jo Hennessey, the #1 dog walker in Platteville, who shared in Karen's sorrow when she lost her dog, Kevin Garvey, who reaches out to help those who are not well versed in auto mechanics, and Heiser Hardware, who always have the answers when looking for that 'whatchamacallit'. She further stated the community has the support of a village like feel as demonstrated by her three examples.

During her tenure, she commented and complimented those responsible for a number of community 'treasures' and updates:

- the downtown district offers 'real business' meeting community needs
- completion of library block
- 'can do spirit' in raising dollars for Legion Park Event Center
- construction of new apartments in downtown district
- remodeling of city hall
- great school district
- diversity provided with UW-Platteville
- attraction of Mining Museum
- plus much more

Karen allowed time for Q & A. She stated she is not leaving with any disappointments; her primary reason is to be closer to her aging parents. Karen was complimented by many on the outstanding job she has done for our community and wished her well in her new career.

Weekly Speakers: Thanks to Karen Kurt for coordinating our July speakers.

July 26: Ashley Riniker, owner of D.I.E.T. (Do I Eat That?)

With the support of other Optimist Members, Bob Weier has done an excellent job coordinating our speakers for August.

August 3: Business Meeting

August 9: Dr. Jeff White, the difference between DO, PA, NP,

August 16: Lori Laufenberg, Snap Fitness, Nutrition/Physical Fitness

August 23: Road trip to Kieler Farms

August 30: Jim Boebel, Superintendent Platteville School District

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

**Help
Stuff the Bus with
school Supplies or
cash donations
Aug. 2, 9, 16**

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Sizes M, L, - \$8.00
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