

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, November 18, 2016

Attendance: 34 members and 3 guests (our biggest crowd at County Kitchen) – *Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Eileen Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Maggie Kleisath, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, (*11 wearing Optimist shirts) Tim Boldt, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Dave Jones, Doug Martin, Mike Olds, Arnie Roper, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Diane Van Natta, Gene Weber, Wayne Wodarz, Jim Olds, Eileen Nickels, Denny Helbing

Guests: Barb Daus, Jason Thompson, and Karen Kurt,

Mystery Greeter: Eileen Engelke was the greeter this morning. Beth Frieders was glad to get the free ticket for the Joker Draw today.

Joker Draw: Gary Engelke was very surprised when his ticket was drawn. He drew the 2 of hearts and smiled as he accepted the \$2.00.

Announcements:

*Jason Thompson was in charge of getting Mike Olds to the meeting today so that we could sing Happy 50th birthday to him along with his father, Jim Olds. He had a big smile when given his gift and black balloons. We hope the rest of his day went as well.

***Community Service:** Committee Chairman, Barb Stockhausen passed around a volunteer sign up for the Red Kettle Bell Ringing.

***Santa Calling:** The sheet to begin the process was sent around. Be sure to sign up after Thanksgiving.

***Essay Contest:** Gary Munson would like some volunteers to judge the Essay Contest again this year. Please contact him if you are interested.

Program:

Doug Martin introduced Karen Kurt who is the Platteville City Manager. Karen came to talk with us about the 2017 Platteville City Budget. She said that it has something to make everybody unhappy. Then she proceeded to do a good job of describing the 2017 budget process with a handout. The staff and council have worked many hours to cover the deficit for the next few years ahead. They looked at all options and restraints put on local budgets by the state to come up with the budget. She discussed the areas of shortfalls, tax revenue distribution, the challenges ahead for the future, and how the proposed tax revenue increases would affect our taxes. On November 22nd there will be another public hearing and then the council will take action to approve the budget. Her presentation ended with a very good question and answer presentation.



Weekly Speakers:

December Friday Morning Programs, Coordinator, Gary & Eileen Engelke

December 9: Steve Lemeir, Executive Chef at Bridgeway Commons. Meet at Country Kitchen (6:45 AM) and carpool to Bridgeview Commons for buffet breakfast and hear a presentation from Steve Lemeir.

December 16: Lisa Edge and Noah, the Wonder Dog. Lisa rescued Noah from a backyard breeder in California, who was born without eyes and his back legs paralyzed. Lisa shares that seeing a picture of Noah on Facebook, she didn't see a dog beyond help; she saw a dog she needed in her life. She now shares a great meaning about differences and an anti-bullying message.

December 23: Diana Bolander, Director Jameson Museum



***NO MEETING NEXT WEEK:** *Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families. See you December 2nd for the business meeting.*

~~Minutes taken and drafted for
Rooster Call by Fern Nall