



Platteville Optimist Club

Monthly Highlights

September 2020



Vision Statement: *“To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner”*

2019 – 2020 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers: Dan Engelke, President – Tom Nall, Vice President –
Tim Boldt, Second Vice President – Wayne Wodarz, Past President –
Duane Borgen, Treasurer – Becky Schambow, Secretary

Board of Directors: Chris Budden, Steve Lane, Tim Murphy, Doug Martin,
Leon Neuheisel, and Linda Thomas

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NOTE: Due to Covid Pandemic and “safe distancing” requirements, the Platteville Optimist Board and Members have not been able to meet in person since March 6, 2020. In an effort to continue Club business, the Board of Directors has been meeting via Zoom’s internet application, with most recent meeting held on September 1, 2020. The following “Governing Board & Committee Updates” highlighted below were reported to the Membership at their Business Meeting on September 4th.

GOVERNING BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Financial Report dated September 1, 2020 was submitted by D. Borgen, Treasurer and approved.
- **Scheduled Donation Changes:** Scheduled donations to take place in August were not sent due to event cancellations.
- **Thank You Received:** from Barb Deis on behalf of the “Read and Feed” program. The successful program was able to help 9 families who were food insecure and provided many books and educational activities this summer.
- **Membership Dues:** D. Borgen noted he will be sending out dues statements to those members whose dues are due on October 1st.
- **Finance Committee Meeting:** Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled after September 15th (*due date for Donation Requests for fiscal year 20/21*) to prepare preliminary budget for upcoming fiscal year. Borgen noted that several agencies have already responded they will not be requesting donations this year due to uncertainty or cancellation of events / programs due to Covid pandemic.

YOUTH COMMITTEE:

- **SWIS District Governor’s Award for New Youth Event:** Our Club received runner-up award of \$100 to be used towards facilitating our “Youth Citizens’ Academy” (*a new youth event for our Club*).
- **Bike Safety Event:** Wayne Wodarz and Christine Storlie are collaborating with the Boy Scouts to plan and facilitate a Bike Safety Event in October.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:

- **Stuff the Bus Event:** Doug Martin reported that the Board approved donation of \$300 from the Club's "Joker Fund" account to Platteville Public Schools for the "Stuff the Bus" program.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- **September Speakers Recruited by Alaina Reeves:** *Names and topics were not yet finalized at Sept. 1 Board Meeting. See Sept. 4 Business Meeting below.*

MEMBERSHIP:

- **Changes in Membership:** Sadly the Club's membership roster sustained the removal of James Olds due to his death on August 8th.

PUBLICITY / NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

- **Maintenance of Rooster Call Documentation on Website:** Becky Schambow reported there is currently a "hold" pending additional research with website officials relative to the Board's decision to maintain only the last two years of Rooster Calls on the site to ensure we do not exceed any special limits. *(Further research is being done in response to suggestions from members who felt the documents be maintained in some format indefinitely.)*

CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE: Nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meetings Continuing via Zoom: Appreciation was extended to Peggy Compton for graciously hosting our membership meetings over the past few months via the UW Extension Zoom Account. Going forward, our Club will be using our Club's new Zoom account. The Friday meeting link has been set up as a "recurring meeting" and will remain the same each week.

Fund Raiser Ideas: The Board discussed suggestions for member solicitations. Decisions are pending and will be made after Sept. 15th (*deadline for agency donation requests*) when Board will have a better idea of Club's financial status and needs for upcoming fiscal year's budget.

Fund Craaz Tickets: At the time of Board meeting, many tickets were still unsold. Maxine Lane volunteered to take over sale efforts. Board decided an additional email would go out to members and announcement will be made at Business Meeting. It was noted that tickets sell for \$20, and \$13 of this is maintained by our Club.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Installation and Awards Banquet: In lieu of a large membership event, the Board decided to have a small in-person gathering (*with safe-distancing guidelines in place*) on Sunday, Sept. 27th for the purpose of installing our 20/21 Governing Board and presenting annual awards to recipients. Installation will be performed by Maxine Lane, SWIS District Governor. Only Board members and award recipients will be invited. If those individuals prefer not to attend due to Covid concerns their decision will be honored. Event will be planned by President Engelke and Fellowship Committee.

SWIS District Announced Reduced Membership Fees for First Responders: It was noted that the SWIS District announced Ol's decision to reduce membership dues to \$30 for the first year for any "First Responder" who would join Optimist by December 31, 2020. (*"First Responders" include: Police, Fire and EMS*).

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Scheduled to be held via Zoom on Tuesday, September 29th, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. This meeting will be considered the "October Board Meeting" as 20/21 Board will be installed on Sept. 27th.

Board Report Respectfully submitted by: Becky Schambow, Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HELD IN SEPTEMBER

- **September 4, 2020 –Virtual “Business Meeting” via Zoom – Hosted by Becky Schambow:**
 - **Attendees:** There were 21 members who linked in and participated including: Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris and Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Dan Engelke; Kevin Haertzen; Mike Hahn; Bob Hundhausen; Maggie Kleisath; Maxine Lane; Doug Martin; Fern and Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Alaina Reeves; Becky Schambow; Robert Stephens; Ernie Thalmann; and Linda Thomas.
 - **Business Meeting Highlights:** President Dan Engelke opened the membership’s “Business Meeting” by leading and attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Tom Nall led in reciting the Optimist Creed.
 - **Special Dates Noted:** President Engelke announced special dates for celebration including:
 - Birthdays – this upcoming week:**
 - Deb McWilliams – today (4th)
 - Arnie Roper – 5th
 - Christine Budden – 7th
 - Anniversaries – this upcoming week:**
 - Deb McWilliams *and husband Harley* – today (4th)
 - Charlie *and wife Joyce* – 8th
 - Membership Anniversaries this month:**
 - Kim Skemp – 1982;
 - Wayne Wodarz – 1987;
 - Jerry Schewe – 1992;
 - Charlie Clark – 2002;
 - Chad Holstein – 2016;
 - Mark Haas and Priscilla Hahn – 2018
 - FOO Membership Anniversaries this month:**
 - Bill’s Plumbing and Heating - 2015;
 - Heiser Hardware & Queen B Radio – 2016;
 - First English Lutheran Church & Honkamp & Krueger – 2018;
 - Platteville Dental - 2019
 - **Board of Directors Meeting Report:** President Engelke (*with input from othe Board members*) reviewed summary of Governing Board and Committee Updates from Sept. 1st meeting as documented above.
 - **Other Business – Items Discussed:**
 - **Thank You from Old’s Family:** D. Borgen noted that our Club received a thank you note from Jim Old’s family for our Club’s Memorial donation.
 - **Venmo Application:** Recognizing difficulties in collecting for causes such as the “Stuff The Bus” campaign, Alaina Reeves suggested members and our Club may want to look into getting a “Venmo” application. This is a mobile banking application that would allow members to send money to our Club for these types of donations.
 - **Scheduled Donations to OI Childhood Cancer Fund & OI Foundation:** D. Borgen noted normally in September we make a \$250 donation to OI Childhood Cancer fund, and \$650 donation to OI Foundation *from our Youth Account*. Borgen questioned if we may want to hold or reduce these amounts due to current financial concerns and uncertainty of 20/21 budget. The consensus was that these payments should be held until we have a better understanding of our financial needs for fiscal year 20/21.
 - **Fund Crazr Tickets:** At the time of this meeting, there were 7 tickets left for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing needed to do so by noon on Sept. 4th.
 - **Story Book Walk:** Carley Borcharding noted a “Story Book Walk” was set up at Neal Wilkins Sept. 4th.
 - **Upcoming Speakers and Topics:**
 - **Sept. 11th – Michael Martin, Head Trainer for UW-Platteville – “Training of UW Athletes”**
 - **Sept. 18th – Alaina Reeves – Optimist Member & Financial Advisor at Edward Jones – “Market Update”;**
 - **Sept. 25th – Hailey Wegner – Royal Figures – “Nutrition and Training”**
 - **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

- **September 11th –Meeting was held via Zoom – Hosted by Becky Schambow:**
 - **Attendees:** There were 19 members, 1 Friend of Optimist member and 1 guest speaker who linked in and participated including: Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris and Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Hap Daus; Terri Ellis; Dan Engelke; Tom Jonas (*Charter Member*); Maggie Kleisath; Doug Martin; Fern and Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Alaina Reeves; Becky Schambow; Robert Stephens; Ernie Thalmann; Melissa Palfrey (*FOO*); and guest Michael Martin (*speaker*).
 - **Meeting Highlights:** President Dan Engelke opened the meeting and led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimist Creed.
 - **Announcements of Special Dates this Upcoming Week:** President Engelke noted that Joan Bahr’s birthday is on Sept. 14th and Mike Hahn and Peggy Compton’s birthdays are Sept. 15th. George Byykkonen and his wife’s wedding anniversary is Sept. 14th.
 - **Sympathy Extended to Dennis Helbing and Family:** on passing of Dennis’ mother.
 - **Speaker – Michael Martin, UW-Platteville Athletics:** Today’s speaker was recruited collaboratively by Alaina Reeves and Tim Boldt and introduced by Tim Boldt. Michael is the Head Athletic Trainer at UW-Platteville and works primarily with the women’s volleyball and men’s basketball athletes. He works with athletes to increase their strength and conditioning so they become better athletes by getting “bigger, faster, and stronger”. Michael outlined many preventative measures that the university has implemented to help ensure the athletes are safe during this Covid pandemic.
 - **Upcoming Speakers:** President Engelke noted that Alaina Reeves, (*Optimist member and Financial Advisor – Edward Jones*) will provide a market update at our meeting on Sept. 18th.
 - **Honorary Moments of Silence in Remembrance of 9-11.** Prior to adjournment President Engelke asked members to share any memories / thoughts about 9-11 event. He then adjourned the meeting at 7:49 a.m. (*11 minutes early*) to honor those who died and/or were affected by the 9-11 event.
 - **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned respectfully at 7:49 a.m.

- **September 18th, 2020 –Meeting was held via Zoom – Hosted by Becky Schambow:**
 - **Attendees:** There were 18 members and 2 Friends of Optimist members who linked in and participated including: Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris and Paul Budden; Terri Ellis; Dan Engelke; Kevin Haertzen; Maggie Kleisath; Maxine and Steve Lane; Doug Martin; Fern and Tom Nall; Alaina Reeves; Becky Schambow; Ernie Thalmann; Linda Thomas; Melissa Palfrey (*FOO*) and Barb Stockhausen (*FOO*).
 - **Meeting Highlights:** President Dan Engelke opened the meeting and led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimist Creed.
 - **Announcements of Special Dates this Upcoming Week:** President Engelke noted that Nicole Tyc’s birthday is Sept. 19th and Bob Stephens’ birthday is Sept. 23rd. Anniversaries noted were: Mike Olds and wife Tonia on Sept 19th and Nicole and Matt Tyc on Sept. 23rd.
 - **Sympathy Extended to Caroline Kroll and Family:** on passing of Caroline’s mother, Judy Adams.
 - **Speaker – Alaina Reeves:** Club member and Financial Advisor at Edward Jones in Platteville volunteered to speak today and provided participants with a “market update”. She discussed three stages including: “Severe Recession” that we experienced early in this pandemic; “Sharp Early Rebound”, fueled by Federal stimulus; and “Slow Recovery” back to pre-pandemic levels that she feels we are in now. Noting that the pandemic is “still in the driver’s seat” Alaina indicated this stage will be around for a while. Ultimately Alaina felt the worst is behind us and despite some choppiness going forward, encouraged members to “keep our emotions in check and ride it out”.
 - **Upcoming Meetings:** President Engelke noted that Hailey Wegner, from “Royal Figures” will be our guest speaker on Sept. 25th and will talk about “Nutrition and Training”.
 - **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8 a.m.

- **September 25th, 2020 –Meeting was held via Zoom – Hosted by Becky Schambow:**
 - **Attendees:** There were 20 members, 1 Friend of Optimist member, and 1 guest who linked in and participated including: Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris and Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Terri Ellis; Dan Engelke; Bob Hundhausen; Maggie Kleisath; Doug Martin; Fern and Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Alaina Reeves; Becky Schambow; Bob Stephens; Ernie Thalmann; Linda Thomas; Wayne Wodarz; Melia Palfrey (*FOO*); and Hailey Wegner (*speaker*).
 - **Meeting Highlights:** Due to some technical Zoom difficulties, the meeting got off to a late start (7:05 a.m) with Vice President Tom Nall opening the meeting, quickly thereafter joined by President Dan Engelke with members joining in with the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Optimist Creed.
 - **Announcements:**
 - **Bike Safety Event:** Wayne Wodarz reported that the Bike Rodeo will be held on October 10th. His request for volunteers to assist with the event was quickly met.

- **Special Dates this Upcoming Week:** Becky Schambow noted that Caroline Kroll's birthday is Oct. 1st, and Tim Murphy and wife Kathy's wedding anniversary is Sept. 26th and Joan Bahr and husband Kevin's is on Sept. 27th.
- **Speaker – Hailey Wegner – “Nutrition and Training”:** Today's speaker was recruited and introduced by Alaina Reeves. Hailey is a graduate of UW Madison with a degree in Dietetics and Entrepreneurship. She originally intended to become a physician, but she realized her true passion was in nutrition and fitness. She started her own company “Royal Figures” (*website: royalfiguresnt.com*). In answer to questions asked she suggested: following diets with research behind them, noting that “National Institute of Health” is a good source of information; a diet should be something that is sustainable in your life style; good multiple vitamins can be purchased at big box stores like Walmart, Target, etc. as vitamins on their shelves have gone through extensive testing. Hailey also suggested that those who are beginning an exercise regimen should schedule their routine, start out slow (*perhaps 3 days per week*) and don't overwhelm yourself. Hailey stated that "resistance training is your friend", but also encouraged people to be active by walking and standing often instead of sitting.
- **Upcoming Meeting:** The “Business Meeting” will be held via Zoom on Friday, Oct. 2nd at 7:00 a.m.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Membership Meeting Highlights recorded and submitted by: Becky Schambow, Secretary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS in OCTOBER

Please note recognition of membership anniversaries, birthdays, and members' wedding anniversaries that will occur in October.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- Ken Kamps – 1970;
- Debra McWilliams – 1995;
- Ernie Thalman – 2008;
- Brad Brogley – 2015;
- Rod Thomas – 2019.

OCTOBER - FRIENDS OF OPTIMISTS

- Garvey's Auto Service, OakPark Dental; and Weber Business Consulting – 2016;
- H & R Block - 2019

OCTOBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- Janelle Davis *and husband Peter* – October 3rd;
- Dean Feldman *and wife Vicki* – October 10th;
- Dennis Helbing *and wife Deb* – October 11th;
- Jeff White *and wife Amy* – October 15th;
- Ron Weier *and wife Jan* – October 26th.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- Caroline Kroll – October 1st;
- Doug Martin – October 2nd;
- Dan Engelke – October 3rd;
- Maxine Lane – October 5th;
- Steve Kleisath – October 8th;
- Terri Ellis – October 9th;
- John Zuehlke – October 10th;
- Diane VanNatta – October 22nd;
- Carley Borcharding – October 25th;
- Ken Kamps – October 28th;
- Guy Stead – October 29th