

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”

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, July 21, 2017

Attendance: 29 Members – Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Diane VanNatta, Bob Weier, Wayne Wodarz

Guest: Carley Borcharding was welcomed by President Haertzen as our most recent member.

Mystery Greeter: Eileen Engelke was the recipient this morning, greeted by Becky Schambow.

Joker Draw: He frequently holds the ticket number called; however, is on the lighter side of winning!! Steve Lane, who purchases 6 tickets each week, had his number called, cutting the Queen of Diamonds.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: One anniversary to acknowledge this morning, Arnie Roper on July 26.

Summer Social: President Haertzen stated the social has been cancelled. He extended a thank you to Becky Schambow for her planning efforts, of which she further thanked the committee, Charlie, Bob and Fern.

College for Kids: John Urness reported that the College for Kids had taken place over the last week and was attended by 192 kids. This program is sponsored by Platteville Optimist, resulting in 192 shirts around the area bearing the logo of Optimist as well as other sponsors.

Other:

*Gary Engelke took a few minutes to share some highlights from the OI Convention in Albuquerque, making mention of Howard being recognized as a Distinguished Governor during his term and relating to the relationships that are created in attending this event.

Gary mentioned that as Governor Elect for the SWIS District, his first conference will be held at Deer Valley in Barneveld. He encouraged members of the Platteville Optimist to attend and stated the key speaker will be from “Kids in Crisis”. This conference is scheduled for October 27/28.

*Maxine stated shirt samples are in process of being ordered. Mike Hahn had been on vacation, which delayed this process. With the quality and cost of shirts, Maxine did caution about wearing for cheese curds because of oil stain, which are extremely difficult to remove.

Maxine also mentioned she has arranged for Jim Kondrasuk, OI President, to speak to our club on a Friday in September. She is waiting for the definite date. This is a rare opportunity to have the OI President as close as Madison and able to share some insight with our club.

Join Your **Optimist** Friends
Party in the Park
Thursday, July 27, 5:00 PM



Program: Thanks to Paul Budden for arranging our speaker this morning, Dave Niehaus, Fire Inspector for Platteville. In Paul's absence, Becky Schambow had the privilege of introducing Dave. Dave started his career as a Fire Inspector in 1991, being 1 or 5 part-time inspectors and hired as full-time inspector for the City of Platteville in 1998.

Dave is State Certified and a member of the Wisconsin State Fire Inspectors Association. In 2005 Dave was elected as Area 3 Chairman and was placed on the State Board of Directors. He is responsible for fire prevention programs for all of our community schools. He conducts fire safety training for the UW-P RA's and RD's along with fire extinguisher training for factories and businesses throughout our fire district.



Dave's presentation was most interesting, especially given his tenure as a Fire Inspector, 26 years, 19 as the Chief Fire Inspector. At the onset of his career, he stated there were some 700 inspections done annually. At the end of 2016, this number was at 1500/year, considering the growth of business, where inspections are mandated by the State of Wisconsin to be conducted every six months. Dave also stated that in addition to current structures, new constructions take considerable time, such as the new library/motel in Platteville. In addition to Platteville, Dave conducts training in 7 counties, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Crawford, LaCrosse and Vernon. Dave is also instrumental in the Fire Prevention Poster contest for elementary students, which results in between 250-300 posters annually.



Dave announced his retirement, coming in February, 2018. Time was allowed for the many questions from the members.

Needless to say, an invitation to join our Platteville Optimist will be extended to Dave.

Weekly Speakers: **July Programs, Coordinator(s), Paul Budden**
July 28, 2017 – Melissa Lovell, Platteville's first female Firefighter

August Coordinator(s), Barb Stockhausen
August 4, 2017 – Business Meeting

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane

