

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Friday, October 10, 2014

Attendance: Twenty-Eight (28) Optimists were in attendance today, with nine (9) members (Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Leon Neuheisel, Steve Lane, Bob Weier, Ernie Thalmann, Howard Crofoot, Tom Nall and Charlie Clark) wearing their Optimist shirts.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier greeted Beth Frieders, who quickly “reinvested.”

Joker Draw: Today’s mystery greeter, Bob Weier had his ticket drawn for the Joker Draw, and he drew the King of Hearts. Additional prizes from Leon gave Ken Kamps, Mike Olds, and Howard Crofoot.

Business Meeting:

++ We had one guest this morning, Gene Weber from Moving Platteville Outdoors, who not only joined us for breakfast, but also was presented with a check for \$1,500, the pledged donation from our Optimist Club. (See picture to the right.) Gene thanked the club and gave a brief update on the project.

++ President Eileen presented the Optimist of the Year Award to Gary Munson, who was unable to attend the installation banquet in late September. Gary thanked everyone and (being a past

president of the Dubuque Toastmasters!) gave a great acceptance speech, citing the benefits of being Optimistic. You cannot say yes without a smile.

++ A hat was passed to collect monies for Lisa Millsap who is battling cancer.

Program:

Ron Weier introduced today’s speaker, Tom Sigwarth, who shared his experiences of growing up in a small town in Iowa and how his family arrived in the Midwest. He cited the many reasons we have to be “Platteville Proud” and what a great city history we have. With the recent catastrophes we have experienced as a city, Tom noted that the unity of our community and the outpouring of help that was offered is only one of the many reasons to be glad to call Platteville



our home. We are built on the hard work of our ancestors and we need to continue to lead the way for the future of our city. As he put it, we need to lift someone to our shoulders so they can see the way. Tom and his family spent time in Colorado, eventually finding their way back to the Midwest area where they have made numerous contributions to our community. Tom is grateful for the opportunity he had to purchase the Dairy Queen and raise his family here in Platteville.



Ron Weier (left) introduced today's speaker, Tom Sigwarth.



The Weier "twins," Ron and Bob, displaying their smiles and the sign each was awarded for giving \$100 or more to the fundraising which supports the outdoor trail improvement project of Moving Platteville Outdoors (MPO).

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