

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, March 9, 2018

Attendance: 31 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Talia Mushinsky, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Pam Stark, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, John Urness, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: Gary Engelke introduced Al Hutchinson. Al is a member of the UW Whitewater Community Optimist Club and was visiting Platteville.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier was the designated ‘greeter’. Jerry Schewe was the lucky handshake!

Joker Draw: Greg Sieckman was holding the lucky ticket; drawing the 6 of spades and receiving his \$2.00.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: No Birthday or Anniversaries to celebrate this morning; however we were able to recognize some years of service anniversaries: Bill VanDeest 2001, Doug Martin 2005, Ron Weier 2009, Fern Nall 2011, Kevin Haertzen 2013, Guy Stead 2016.

Thank You/Club Acknowledgements: Thank you was received from the Park & Rec department

Youth Activities:

- *Essay: Photo opportunity is being scheduled with Gary Munson
- *Oratorical: President Wodarz gave a recap of the local contest held on March 8. Five participants from Platteville Middle School participated. Two will compete in the Zone contest on Mar. 17.
- *Tri-Star Basketball: Saturday, April 7 at UW-P Bo Ryan Court, Noon – 2:00. Press releases will go out the week of March 19.

50th Anniversary Committee:

*Ad sponsors are filled; proclamation has been sent to City Manager and will be presented at the Council Meeting on April 24. B Stockhausen encouraged members to attend.

Miscellaneous:

- *Nothing further on JOI Club. Topic will be removed from agenda. Updates provided as appropriate.
- *NOW Luncheon is scheduled for April 21 at FELC Fellowship Hall.

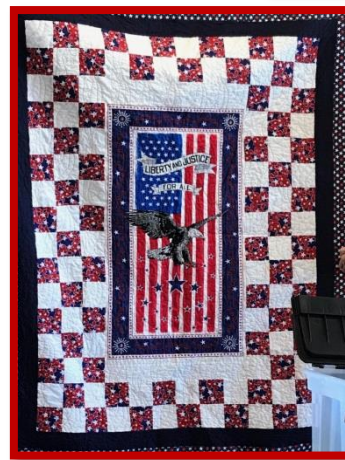
Program: Many thanks to Charlie and Ron (via Howard) for arranging Karen Demaree, Quilts of Valor, as our speaker this morning. Karen is the State of Wisconsin Quilts of Valor Foundation Coordinator. She has lived in Platteville since 2001. Prior to her move to Platteville, Karen taught culinary arts for 30 years in Eau Claire, WI. She has been



quilting since 1976 and has been a professional longarm quilter since 1998. Karen first started on military quilts with the 911/PA/Pentagon project that collected blocks then made them into honor panels. Working with the Platteville Military Project, over 250 quilts were created that first went to “Quilts for Soldiers” (precursor to QOV) and then found distribution in Wisconsin and Iowa.

Quilts of Valor Foundation was started in 2003 by Catherine Roberts, whose desire was to see that returning troops were welcomed home with love and gratitude. Over time, the mission of QOVF has expanded to include military service members and veterans touched by war, regardless of the conflict, declared war or otherwise, in which they served. QOVs are lifetime awards, stitched with love, prayers, and healing thoughts. As of October 1, 2016, QOVF has recorded the awarding of 145,500 Quilts of Valor.

A touching presentation with time allowed for questions. Samples Karen brought with her as pictured below.



Weekly Speakers:

March Programs, Coordinator(s) Charlie Clark & Ron Weier

March 16 – Angie Wright – PATH

March 23 – Angie Pierce and Lu Ann Bowman – Park Place Senior Living

March 30 – Dr. Wontor returns and his practice in Alaska

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by M Lane.

