

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin - Friday, April 14, 2017

**Road Trip to the Platteville Municipal Airport
(follow-up to a February presentation by Bill Kloster and Alaine Olthafer-Lange)**

Attendance: 25 Members – Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Fern Nall, Tom Fall, Leon Neuheisel, Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz

It was also a pleasure to welcome new members, Peggy Compton, Greg Sieckman and Mary Sieckman, who became members at the Spring Luncheon. Also a welcome to Donna Gavin, who signed on the dotted line, just this morning, sponsored by Beth Frieders.

We were also delighted to welcome Maggie Kleisath back to our Friday morning meetings, having returned from her winter in Arizona.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Stephens was greeted this morning; however, the person greeting Bob is a complete *mystery* to the note taker!!

Joker Draw: It was ‘lucky Bob Weier’ again this morning drawing the 6 of diamonds.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Happy Birthday to Dennis Helbing as he will celebrate his birthday on April 16.

Old Business:

Membership Luncheon: Wow, Beyond Words, Wonderful Surprise. The excitement continues as we were able to have 10 new members sign up at the luncheon. Maxine extended a thank you to Eileen Engelke, Charlie Clark, Becky Schambow, Barb Stockhausen, Steve Lane and Eileen Nickels for attending the luncheon and/or inviting a guest. Of the 12 guests that attended, it was a pleasure to have 10 sign up as new members.

Tri-Star Basketball: April 23 at UWP Bo Ryan Court. Signup sheet was passed around and it would appear we have enough volunteers to make this a successful event for the kids. With that being said, “Many Hands Make Light Work.” Additional members are encouraged to attend and, if needed, assist when or if an additional person could help with the event. Also, if you have never helped with this event, it will get you familiar with the process for when you can help another year. (Now that is being Optimistic) This is also a wonderful opportunity to visit with the parents of these children, letting them know how we enjoy sponsoring this event for their kids and sharing with them the benefits of joining our Club.

Platteville Community Fund Grant: Ron Weier completed and submitted a grant application on behalf of the Platteville Optimists and Platteville Parks and Recreation to assist in bringing National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium Educational Outreach Program to Platteville.



Program: We took our meeting ‘on the road’ to the Platteville Municipal Airport. Starting with a continental breakfast and extending a welcome to our newest members, we were greeted by Andy Lange, Aircraft Mechanic/Manager. Our visit included a visit to one of the hangers, housing two planes, one used for flying lessons and a second belonging to a private individual who stores his plane on sight. Andy’s presentation was most interesting, sharing some great information with the group and answered many, many questions. (Sorry, I was listening rather than taking notes).



Weekly Speakers: **April Programs, Coordinator(s), Maxine Lane**

April 21 – Kaelyn Wiegel & Sarah Iselin (essay winners), Clarissa Sexton (oratorical winner) accompanied by parents and teachers, Jay Geisen and Sarah Droessler
(Please join us on April 21 for the pleasure to listening to three of our future leaders)

April 28 – Troy Maggied, Executive Director SWWRPC (retaining young professionals in SW Wisconsin).

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane.

