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 – Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Janelle Davis, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Bob Stephens, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz

Guest: Christine Budden was introduced by her husband, Paul Budden.

Mystery Greeter: John Urness was the mystery person this morning, greeting Paul Budden.

<u>Joker Draw:</u> None other than....Bob Weier, who was also the recipient of a drawing at Party in the Park! This morning his luck ran out!!

Announcements:

<u>New Member Installation:</u> It was a pleasure to welcome Carley Borcherding as a new member this morning. Pictured with Carley is her sponsor, Becky Schambow.

<u>Birthdays/Anniversaries:</u> One of each this morning. Happy Birthday to Eileen Nickels on August 3 and Anniversary Wishes to Gary & Eileen Engelke, 45 years on July 29.

<u>Thank You Notes:</u> President Haertzen acknowledged thank you notes from Department of Social Services and also the Platteville Main Street Program for our recent donations.

<u>Stuff the Bus:</u> A reminder was shared that items will be collected August 4 and August 11. Maxine will issue an email to all members, inviting donations of cash of school supplies with a list of suggested items included.

<u>Cheese Curd Work Schedules:</u> Ken Kamps stated the schedules are filling up, both Grant County Fair and Platteville Dairy Days. He has only a few spots to fill and he will be calling what few members he has not heard from todate.

Other:

- *Maxine had shirt samples available. She will issue an email and include photos. Shirts will not be received by Grant County Fair. We can choose from 3 different styles.
- *Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Augusut 1, 2017 at PBII Conference Room
- *Party in the Park Update: Ron Weier was the Optimist Volunteer this year. We provided 300 hotdogs, ice cream and milk, with a small amount of ice cream left over and a small amount of milk.





Program: Thanks to Paul Budden for arranging our speaker this morning Malissa Lovell, Platteville's first female Firefighter.

Malissa graduated from Benton High School, received her Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences from UW-Platteville and her Associates Degree in Nursing from Southwest Technical College.

She has been employed at SWHC as an Emergency Room Nurse since 2003 and served as a Platteville EMT from 1996 to 2008. With a strong interest in firefighting and a family history of firefighters (grandfather, father, uncle, brother, nephews), in 1998 Malissa did what many would think of as being unheard of, putting in her application to the Platteville Fire Department, and she is with the Platteville Fire Department yet today as Safety Officer.



Needless to say, she met with and mastered many obstacles and challenges.

Optimist Member, Paul Budden, stated he had the privilege of working with Malissa for 10 years and found her to be a very dedicated and proud firefighter. Paul further stated, "Hard work brought Malissa through the challenges of working in a "Good Ole Boys World." Often times being offered help, Malissa mastered the multiple firefighting tasks on her own, knowing in some cases she was being asked because of being a female. Today, she is a part of the team and when asked if she needs help, it is being done so in a team concept, not because of being a female.

Today, Platteville has three female firefighters. Thank you Paul for bringing Malissa to our meeting and Thank You Malissa for what you do for our community.

Weekly Speakers: August Programs, Coordinator(s), Barb Stockhausen

August 4, 2017 – Business Meeting

August 11, 2017 - Caleb Smith, Personal Training Manager

Cedric Flesher, General Manager

Anytime Fitness

August 18 – Chris Brown, Tesla Automobile (Charlie Clark)

August 25 – Herb Cody, QueenB Radio

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane



Are You Ready?? Grant County Fair, August 16 - 20th

