



Platteville Optimist Club Monthly Highlights November 2022

Vision Statement: *"To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"*

2022-2023 Officers: Melissa Palfrey, President; Alaina Reeves, Vice President; Howard Crofoot, Past President; Duane Borgen, Treasurer; and Becky Schambow, Secretary.

2022-2023 Board of Directors: Terri Ellis; Deb Elvidge; Mark Essex; Doreen Hlavaty; Jordan Holthaus; and Leon Neuheisel.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HELD IN OCTOBER 2022

BUSINESS MEETING: NOVEMBER 4, 2022

Attendance: There were 30 members in attendance including: Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Chris and Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Amy Coffey; Hap Daus; Penny Droessler; Terri Ellis; Debra and Steve Elvidge; Dan Engelke; Gary Engelke; Mark Essex; Beth Frieders; Doreen Hlavaty; Bob Hundhausen; Maxine and Steve Lane; Eileen McCartney; Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Alaina Reeves; Becky Schambow; Jerry and Joy Schewe; Bob Stephens; Barb Stockhausen; Ernie Thalman; and Ron Weier. There were no guests.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 a.m. by Vice President Alaina Reeves. Members then joined together in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimist Creed.

Meeting Activities:

- **Mystery Greeter:** Dan Engelke was the Mystery Greeter, greeting Becky Schambow.
- **Joker Draw:** Eileen McCartney's ticket was drawn, however she cut the cut the Jack of Clubs.
- **Breakfast Drawing Winners:** Barb Stockhausen and Becky Schambow were the two members present whose names were drawn, and Mary Sieckman and Mike Olds were the two members not present whose names were drawn to receive a free breakfast in November.

Special Dates Announced: by Vice President Reeves.

Birthdays this Upcoming Week:

- Dr. Jeff White – November 7th
- Brad Brogley – November 9th

Wedding Anniversaries this Upcoming Week: None

Membership Anniversaries this month:

- Joy Schewe – November 16, 2015;
- Dan Engelke – November 19, 2015;
- Mark Essex – November 1, 2019

FOO Membership Anniversaries this Month:

- Family Advocates – November 5, 2019
- Bel-Aire Home Improvement – November 26, 2018

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT: Vice President Reeves reviewed the following highlights from the Board meeting held on November 1st, 2022.

TREASURER'S REPORT for Period Ending October 31, 2022: *(submitted by D. Borgen Treasurer)*

Vice President Reeves noted the Internal and Youth Account balances contained in the report, highlighting the Joker Fund balance *(included in the Internal Fund)*. Reeves noted a motion was made by the Board to accept the report as printed. Dan Engelke seconded this motion, which carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE CHAIR / LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS: Vice President Reeves reported that the following Board members have volunteered to be the Committee Liaisons *(or Chairs if they so desire)* on the following committees:

- Cheese Curd Committee: Jordan Holthaus;
- Community Service Committee: Howard Crofoot;
- Fellowship / Weekly Program Committee: Mark Essex & Doreen Hlavaty;
- Membership Committee: Terri Ellis;
- Publicity / Newsletter: President Palfrey is willing to serve on this committee, but will seek a Chair;
- Youth Activities: Deb Elvidge;
- Finance Committee: Duane Borgen.

Terri Ellis circulated a sign-up sheet for members to identify what committee they may have an interest in serving on.

COMMITTEE UPDATE HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Finance / Administration:**
 - **Proposed Budgets:** Copies of proposed budgets for the Internal and Youth Accounts for the fiscal year 10-1-22 through 9-30-2023. Members reviewed and were offered an opportunity to ask questions.
 - **Internal Account:** Vice President Reeves reported there was a motion made from the Board to accept the Internal Budget as printed. Seconded by Tom Nall, the motion passed unanimously.
 - **Youth Account:** Reeves then reported there was a motion from the Board to accept the Youth Account Budget as printed. Seconded by Charlie Clark, motion carried unanimously.
 - **Proposed Dates for Donation Payments:** D. Borgen submitted a list of agencies and corresponding dates for payment of their budgeted requests. A motion was made by the Board to accept the payment schedule as printed. Seconded by Gary Engelke, motion carried.
 - **Presentations to Agencies Receiving \$250 or above:** Doreen Hlavaty volunteered to contact and facilitate presentation of donations of \$250 or above at Weekly Meeting *(for photo op)*
 - **Proposed Check Signers:** Vice President Reeves reported that Board has made a motion to approve Maxine Lane, Eileen Engelke, Howard Crofoot and Amy Coffey as alternate check signers *(as these individuals cover Friday morning Treasurer duties when D. Borgen is unable to attend)*. Motion was seconded by Terri Ellis and carried unanimously.
 - **Review of Accounts – Committee:** Vice President Reeves noted the Board's consensus was to ask for three volunteer members to conduct a review of accounts for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Charlie Clark, Dan Engelke, and Jerry Schewe volunteered to perform this review.
- **Community Service:**
 - **Story Book Walk Update:** Terri Ellis and Carley Borcharding recently put out a Story Book entitled "Spookie Sleepover" for display at Katie's Garden. They will be putting out another book in early December.
 - **Community Involvement Fair – January 28th, 2023:** Our Club will be doing a display and providing information at this event which will be held at the Platteville Public Library.
 - **Family Advocates & Christmas:** Family Advocates is asking for volunteers to help wrap Christmas presents for families in need on the evenings of Dec. 20th & 21st. A sign-up was begun.
- **Membership:**
 - **New Member:** Sultana Amin was recruited as a new member by Gary Engelke and was installed on October 28th.
 - **Unpaid Dues:** As of today's date, one member and one FOO had not yet paid their dues. Contacts are being made to them by Membership Committee.
- **Publicity / Newsletter(s) / Website:** Vice President noted that Chris Budden has been working on updates to our website, but Committee is in need of another volunteer(s) to assist with website maintenance.
- **Cheese Curd:** Committee met on October 26th to conduct a debriefing of the sales events held in 2022.
- **Fellowship:**
 - **Weekly Programs – Speakers for November 2022:** Coordinated by Tim Boldt & Dan Engelke and include:

- November 4th – Business Meeting;
- November 11th – Wayne Wodarz, Chamber Director – Planned holiday festivities in Platteville;
- November 18th – Coach Jeff Gard – Update on This Year’s UW-Platteville Pioneer Men’s Basketball Program;
- November 25th – No meeting – day after Thanksgiving.
- **Holiday Party:** Committee to begin to plan for this event.
- **Youth Activities:**
 - **Santa Calling:** “Santa Calling” event will occur on the evenings of December 6th, 7th, and 8th.
 - **Oratorical and Essay Contests:** Committee will be working on in early winter.
 - **Tri-Star Basketball:** Committee will soon be working on.
 - **Book Giveaway:** Carley Borcharding reported that 200 books were given to children attending Halloween event at Katie’s Garden.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Bylaws Review and Revision:** Vice President Reeves noted that members should have received recommended amendments via emails sent on October 12th. The Board has made a motion to approve amendments to the Bylaws as listed below. The motion was seconded by Tom Nall, and passed unanimously.

Section	Platteville Optimist Bylaws Currently State	Motion to Amend approval to State
Article II – Mission	“The members of this Club, this Club will bring out the best....	The members of this Club will bring out the best
Article X – Revenue Section 2	Annual dues shall be \$84 (\$78 for spouse) per member and \$64 for life members, payable in advance. Dues for new members shall be pro-rated for at least six months to the next semi-annual dues date of April 1 or October 1. (Note: Membership dues may be offset by grants or business sponsorships.)	Annual dues shall be as approved by the Board and Club Members no more often than annually as established prior to October 1 of each year and payable in advance. Dues for new members shall be prorated for at least six months to the next semi-annual dues date of April 1 or October 1. (Noted: Membership dues may be offset by grants or business sponsorships.)
Article XII – Miscellaneous – Section 2	Club shall exercise it rights and ...	Club shall exercise its rights
<i>Second sentence</i>	This Club shall provide for its proper representation at all meeting ...	This Club shall provide for its proper representation at all meetings

- **Project List Approval:** President Palfrey is working on a list of our projects that we must have for OI Insurance purposes.
- **Membership Survey:** T. Ellis is developing a Google Survey that will be sent to members via email to gain input on:
 - Suggestions about meeting at noon or other time (*at least one per month*);
 - Interest in weekly meetings on Zoom;
 - Committee Interests;
 - Website – Monthly Highlights – (*do they read*);
 - Social Event Ideas.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Optimist Institute – LSM – Leadership Training:** Vice President Reeves noted that interested members can take leadership courses available on-line free through OI. To sign up, members would need the Club’s number (09137) and their individual membership number, which they can obtain from B. Schambow (beckyschambow@gmail.com).
- **Scholarships for PHS Students:** Board consensus was that this year’s scholarships and criteria will be the same for this year. (Two \$1000. Scholarships)
- **Request for Funding to Help Cover Costs of Books for First Graders – PCA Trail:** Vice President Reeves reported receipt of a request to help subsidize costs of a book written by Sue Kies, a retired teacher. This book supplements curriculum provided to first graders relative to the Rountree Branch Trail and Katie’s Garden, which students go to twice per year on field trips. Board made a motion to donate \$200 towards this project. Motion was seconded by Hap Daus. Motion carried.
- **Suggestion from Member (Ken Kamps) to Consider Putting Funds in CD:** This was tabled by Board due to time limitations and will be discussed at their next meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: To be held November 29th, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS / INFORMATION PROVIDED:

- **Orange and Blue Basketball Scrimmage at UW-Platteville:** Tim Boldt encouraged members to attend this event on Nov. 4th at 5:00 p.m.
- **Friends of The Mining & Rolo Jamison Museum Pasty Sale:** It was announced that anyone wanting to support the museum by purchasing pasties should contact the museum by 11-4-2022.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Tom Nall, seconded by Dan Engelke, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Becky Schambow, Secretary

WEEKLY MEETING – November 11, 2022

There were 32 Members Present

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- **CONVENE:** President Melissa Palfrey opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.
- **VETERANS HONORED:** In celebration of Veterans' Day, President Palfrey asked attending Veterans to stand and identify their service affiliation. The Veterans attending / acknowledged were: Howard Crofoot – Army; Charlie Clark – Air National Guard; Ron Weier – Guards – Army; and Hap Daus – Army. President Palfrey thanked them and all Veterans for their services and members gave them a round of applause in appreciation.
- **VETERANS PROGRAMS:** President Palfrey asked members to identify programs that may be going on in our community:
 - Cuba City and Platteville Middle School have programs today;
 - UW-Platteville – Ceremony at Vietnam Memorial today at 10:00 a.m.;
 - Rolling Hills Church Dinner – Tomorrow from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- **Special Dates to Remember:**
 - **Member Birthdays this Upcoming Week:** Emmily Dreessens – November 17th;
 - **Member Wedding Anniversaries this Upcoming Week:** Doug & Kathy Martin – Nov. 11th.

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- **Mystery Greeter:** Leon Neuheisel was the Mystery Greeter, greeting Ron Weier.
- **Joker Draw:** Amy Coffey drew Doug Martin's ticket, however, Doug drew the two of Clubs.

INFORMATION PROVIDED / DISCUSSED:

- **Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** Leon Neuheisel announced that SHP will be delivering their 200th bed to a child in need today.
- **Santa Calling Event:** December 6th, 7th, and 8th 6-8 p.m. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated
- **Family Advocates Gift Wrap Event:** A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated to recruit volunteers to help wrap presents for families in need on Dec. 20th and 21st from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Community First Bank.
- **Membership Fall Survey:** President Palfrey reported that a survey developed by Terri Ellis will be sent to members via email today asking for their input on topics such as: possibility of having a noon business meeting or social meeting on any 5th Fridays; interest in having meetings available on Zoom; interest in committees; and how they get Club news (*i.e. use of website*).
- **Speakers: Speakers coordinators for November were Tim Boldt and Dan Engelke**
 - **Next Week's Speaker – Nov. 18th** – Coach Jeff Gard, UW-Platteville Men's Basketball Program
 - **Today's Speaker: Wayne Wodarz – Holiday Events in Platteville**

Wayne Wodarz, Club Member and Director of Platteville's Chamber of Commerce was introduced by Tim Boldt. Tim noted that Wayne was hired for his position in the year of 2020 (*beginning of Covid pandemic*). Wayne came to the Chamber with many years of retail experience and Tim was very complimentary about what Wayne has brought to the Chamber during these past couple of rough years.

Wayne highlighted events yet to occur in Platteville during the month of November including:

- Platteville Holiday Project through Nov. 17th: Coats and monetary donations being collected at Dupaco, Platteville schools and local churches;
- United Way Silent Auction hosted at WI Bank and Trust through Nov. 28th at WI Bank and Trust;

- Fidelity Bank Holiday Silent Auction to benefit Platteville Special Olympics from Nov. 17th – Dec. 2nd;
- Annual Soccer Craft & Vendor Show on Nov. 19th;
- Small Business Passport Promotion, Nov. 21st – Dec. 21st – pick up passports at Library;
- Salvation Army Bell Ring, Nov. 19th – Dec. 31st;
- Free Holiday (family) movie on Nov. 25th;
- Small Business Saturday and Santa Stroll – Nov. 26th;
- Chamber's Jolly Jingle Promotion – Nov. 25th – Dec. 20th;
- Artist's Sunday – Nov. 28th.

A calendar of December events was distributed and Wayne highlighted the many items occurring in Platteville in December. Events highlighted included, but more mentioned:

- Residential Decorating Contest and Holiday Tour of Lights – entry deadline – Nov. 23rd;
- Local stores will be open on Friday evenings Dec. 2nd, 9th and 16th with;
 - Horse Drawn Carriage rides (*tickets available through Mining & Rollo Jamison Museum*);
 - Caroling (*coordinated by Terri Ellis*) will be provided on Main Street;
 - Kiwanis will be selling roasted chestnuts & s'mores;
- Tubb Club Party on Dec. 2nd at Platteville Golf & Country Club (*reservations required*) to raise funds for Badger Camp;
- Santa at Katie's Garden on Dec. 9th.

Chamber updates were also provided by Wayne who noted their membership is now up to 279. He was happy to report the Chamber received a sizeable grant for a moveable billboard campaign where they post items of interest in Platteville on neighboring State billboards. The Chamber also has developed videos that will be put on Chamber's Facebook page in 2023. Also noted was the addition of a car charging station in their parking lot.

Questions posed to Wayne by members:

- Any plans for restaurants other than fast foods (*such as "Apple-Bees"*) in Platteville? Wayne responded that the suggestion is often received, but often these franchises have barriers with locations, etc. He also noted that the work-force problems we are experiencing are an issue.
- What is the Chamber's relationship with UW-Platteville? Wayne responded that the Chamber has a very strong partnership with UW-Platteville.

Conclusion: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Notes Recorded by: Becky Schambow, Secretary

WEEKLY MEETING – November 18, 2022

There were 27 Members and 5 Guests Present

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: President Melissa Palfrey opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

- **Guests Welcomed:** President Palfrey welcomed guests Coach Jeff Gard (*speaker*) and his children Hannah and Vince, Jonni Palfrey, daughter of President Palfrey, and Kimberly Jacobson, Executive Director of Family Promise of Grant County.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED:

- **Member Birthdays between today and our next meeting on Dec. 2nd:**
 - George Byykkonen & Mike Olds TODAY – Nov. 18th
 - Doreen Hlavaty – Nov. 19th
 - Joy Schewe – Nov. 24th
 - Mary Sieckman and Linda Thomas – Nov. 25th
 - Virg Pufahl – December 1st
- **Member Wedding Anniversaries coming up:** Barb and Tim Deis – Nov. 20th

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- **Mystery Greeter:** Dan Engelke welcomed Carley Borcharding.
- **Joker Draw:** Sultana Amin's ticket was drawn, however she drew the Jack of Hearts.
- **Check Presentation:** President Palfrey presented Kimberly Jacobson, Executive Director of Family Promise of Grant County with Club's donation check.

INFORMATION PROVIDED / DISCUSSED:

- **Announcements:**
 - **Santa Calling:** A sign-up sheet was circulated to gain additional volunteers to conduct "Santa Calling" on Dec., 6, 7 and 8th from 6 to 8 p.m.
 - **Fall Survey:** President Palfrey encouraged attendees to complete the fall survey that was sent out via email if they'd not already done so. If members are having concerns or unable to do this, they can contact Terri Ellis for assistance.
 - **Thank You from PCA for Donation to Books:** Received a thankyou card from Sue Leamy-Kies (*author*) for Club's donation to book fund to supplement Platteville School District's first grade curriculum relative to nature and PCA trail.
 - **Review of Accounts Report:** Dan Engelke reported that he, with Charlie Clark and Jerry Schewe conducted a review of Club's accounts for fiscal year 2021-2022 and stated they were "beyond excellent".
 - **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Nov. 25th (*Day after Thanksgiving*) – *No meeting*
 - **Next Meeting:** December 2nd – Business Meeting

TODAY'S SPEAKER: Coach Jeff Gard *Recruited by Tim Boldt and Dan Engelke*

UW Men's Basketball Coach, Jeff Gard, was introduced by Tim Boldt. Tim highlighted Coach Gard's career, noting that Jeff graduated from UW-Platteville with a Physical and Health Education degree in 2001 and earned his Master's in 2005. Gard was named as the 13th Head Coach in Pioneer history in June of 2009 after serving as an Assistant Coach for the prior six seasons. Tim noted that Coach Gard made history by winning 64 games in his first four years as Head Coach and noted his current win/loss record is 212-125. Coach Gard gave praise to Tim Boldt and the "Boosters Club" noting that it is their support that helps make the program successful.

Coach Gard provided information about this year's "young" Men's Team of twenty, stating that 13 of those are new to the team. He noted that in many cases, students who consider schools just talk to school representatives, coaches, etc. but he likes to "bring them in" to see what their program, the UW and our City offers.

Gard provided information about this season's schedule and noted it will be competitive. He commended his team, and coaching, athletic trainers, etc. He was proud to note that they take interest in the players' "overall health and wellbeing". He talked about the importance of providing good nutrition, but also was excited to tell us that the team has been provided with new "Whoop Bands". These are bands players wear that track their stress levels, sleep patterns, etc. He noted the importance of monitoring stress levels as it helps staff make changes that can help alleviate possible injuries.

New this year at UW-Platteville's gym is a giant jumbotron that they feel will help give students and fans "the best experience".

The meeting ended with a drawing for three UW-Platteville mugs.

Conclusion: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Meeting Notes Recorded by: Becky Schambow, Secretary

SPEAKERS and TOPICS for DECEMBER: Recruited by Alaina Reeves

- *December 2nd – No Speaker – Business Meeting*
- *December 9th – President Melissa Palfrey – What to Expect in Year Ahead*
- *December 23rd – No Meeting (due to Christmas holiday weekend)*

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- December 30th - *to be determined.*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS COMING UP in DECEMBER 2022

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

- Virgil Pufahl – December 1st;
- Priscilla Hahn – December 4th;
- Mary Ann Shurson – December 9th;
- Kevin Haertzen and Howard Crofoot – December 16th;
- Eileen Engelke – December 19th;
- Phil Swift – December 23rd.

DECEMBER – MEMBERS' WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- Eileen and Terry McCartney – December 7th;
- Duane and Amy Borgen – December 17th;
- Doreen Hlavaty and Dorothy Price – December 18th;
- Mike and Priscilla Hahn – December 27th.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- Kathy Kopp – December 9th, 1993;
- Thomas Nall – December 19th, 2000;
- Beth Frieders – December 13, 2006;
- Tim Boldt, December 12th, 2012;
- Bob Weier – December 14th, 2012;
- Becky Schambow – December 12, 2014.

DECEMBER - FRIENDS OF OPTIMISTS MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- Busch Insurance – December 15, 2015