

# ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

## Second Time Around

### MESSAGE FROM MAX

I'm going to jump back on my bandwagon and share my hopes and desires regarding the one position yet to be filled for the 2015-2016 Administrative **TEAM**.



You will notice I placed the emphasis on **TEAM**. If you have served on the team in one capacity or another, you can relate to how this group of Optimist Members works together to "Bring Out the Best in Kids" and to "Bring Out the Best in our Optimist Club."

If you have not had an opportunity to serve on the administrative team as a Board Member or Officer, we have the perfect opportunity open. As I have stated on several occasions in the past, we are looking to fill the position of Second Vice President. You will be joining a team of friends, all with the same goal in mind, working to benefit the youth in our community and surrounding communities and continue to grow our club. Incoming President, Ron Weier, First Vice President, Kevin Haertzen, Secretary/Treas., Ken Kamps (John Urness alternate), and Board Members, Beth Frieders, Fern Nall, Maggie Kleisath, Bob Weier, Eileen Engelke and Doug Martin.

Yes, indeed, you will advance to the position of First Vice President and eventually President. Please, don't let that intimidate you. Remember the Optimist Creed. . . .

**"Promise Yourself To Be So Strong That Nothing Can Disturb Your Peace of Mind."**

I have 4 short months remaining as President. A position in September, 2014 I envisioned as a complete failure on my part. I soon discovered I was not "in this alone", I had my **TEAM** working right alongside of me.

Length of time as a member should not play a part in your decision to become more involved and accept a position on the Board. It simply takes someone who is committed to....

**"Bringing Out The Best In Kids"**

**Optimistically Energize Your Involvement**



### THE TRAIN OF LIFE



At birth, we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant, i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

*The mystery to everyone is:*

We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.



I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.



## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP

Earlier in the year, the Board of Directors with the assistance of Charlie Clark, drafted guidelines to follow in the selection of a Platteville High School senior who would be the recipient of the Platteville Optimist Scholarship. These guidelines were provided to the high school and the selection process is being completed by faculty from the high school.



On Monday, May 18, 2015, it was my pleasure to present the \$1,000.00 scholarship, on behalf of the Platteville Optimist Club, to Max Frommelt, son of Daniel & Nekole Frommelt. Max will be attending UW-Milwaukee, pursuing a career in engineering/physics/computers. We recently had an opportunity to meet Max at two of our Friday morning meetings as he and his team members from the HUNCH group presented information on the experiment they were taking to NASA under the supervision of Physics Teacher, Matt Heer. Max is a fine young man who will make the most of his future and very worthy of our scholarship.

## TRI-STAR BASKETBALL

Thanks to Duane Borgen and Tim Boldt for co-chairing again this year our Tri-Star Basketball. We had a terrific turnout of Optimist volunteers to help make this a very successful event for our kids. Many thanks to Virgil Pufahl, Doug Martin, Tom & Fern Nall, Ron Weier, Kevin Haerten, Gary & Eileen Engelke, Becky Schambow, Jerry & Joy Schewe, Dennis Helbing, Charlie Clark and Steve & Maxine Lane. Twenty-six children (19 boys and 7 girls) participated in the competition.



Results from Mukwonago!! At the regional competition in April, four of 'Our Kids' placed. Pictured below, (L-R) Wyatt Wanezek finished third in the 12 year-old boys competition, Wyatt Heer took second place in the 10 year-old boy category, Brendon Edge placed first in the 11 year-old boys division and Davyn Edge placed first in the 8 year-old boys division. Many, thanks to Mom, Shelly Heer for providing the picture and her comment giving thanks to the Optimist for sponsoring this event. Her children enjoy the competition and look forward to the annual participation.



## 2015 ORATORICAL CONTEST

It is my pleasure to recognize and extend a sincere thank you to Gary Munson for his role as Chairman of the 2015 Essay and Oratorical Contest. Gary's update....



The Platteville Optimist Clubs' combined oratorical contest was held Tuesday, March 24 in the community room at Mound City Bank. There were six entrants representing three schools: Platteville Middle School, Belmont High School, and Platteville High School. This year's topic was "*How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements of the Future.*" The entrants were well-prepared and presented very engaging speeches. The three top speakers were #1 Lucy Tian, Platteville High School, #2 Declan Crego, Belmont High School; and #3 Quinn Collins, Platteville Middle School. Each of them will receive a \$100.00 check for their accomplishment. Based on the quality of the speeches, Platteville will be well-represented at the District Conference on May 2.

The oratorical contest is an annual event and truly fits the Optimist vision of "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." "It is gratifying to watch the young speakers apply themselves to the task of preparing a speech focused on optimism," remarked Tracy Ball, Noon Club member and co-chair of the contest. The importance of the contest was reflected in each speaker's appearance and manner. The young speakers were dressed to impress, and their nervous energy was released as they presented their speeches to the judges and the audience of proud parents.

The Platteville Optimists have supported the oratorical contest for years and have had several district winners. The contest continues to be a positive reflection upon our club and is a great way to support our kids.

It's "all about" What we're "all about"



Platteville Optimist joined the 'Red Nose Day' on May 21. Proceeds go to the National Event to Help Lift Children Out of Poverty.

## WELCOME WAGON

It is my pleasure to say we have exceeded or goal of four new members for the 2014-2015 term; however, we continue to optimistically look for additional new members to share our enthusiasm to “Bring Out the Best in Kids.”



*It is with Optimistic Enthusiasm  
We Welcome  
Dennis ~ Dave ~ Brad ~ Matt*

Joining just prior to publishing of the March newsletter, February 27, it is a pleasure to further introduce and welcome Dennis Helbing to our Club. A Platteville native, Dennis was raised on a farm. Following graduation from Platteville High School, he worked at Dubuque Stamping and Mfg Co., started with John Deere Dubuque Works in 1977 where he met his wife, Deb. The parents of two adult children, Jenna and Chad and Grandpa and Grandma to a 2 year old granddaughter, Sadie with a second grandchild expected in August. Following the John Deere layoff in 1981, Dennis worked for the Platteville/Cuba City Feed Mill from where he retired in November, 2014. In his free time, Dennis enjoys hunting, especially deer and turkey. He enjoys traveling, playing Euchre and spending time with family. He is thoroughly enjoying the status of “Grandpa” or as Sadie say, “Papa.”

## PROMISE YOURSELF

It was a pleasure to welcome Dave Allen on March 27 as a new Optimist Member. Born and raised in southwestern Wisconsin, Dave attended the Lancaster Community Schools as well as Iowa-Grant School District. He completed degree studies at UW-Platteville as well as UW-Madison. Dave worked for the Platteville Public Schools for 37 years, serving as eighth grade science teacher, Middle School Asst. Principal, Elementary Director, Pk-12 Director of Instruction, Middle School Principal and Pk-12 Curriculum Coordinator. He has worked at CESA 3 on a part-time basis since 2007 in several capacities. Much of his work is focused around supporting first year teachers in our area and assisting educators in renewing their professional licenses. Dave also works part-time for the Wisconsin School Principals’ Association where he works with first year principals around the state. Dave has been and continues to be active in his church and the community, most recently serving on the Platteville Museum Board. Dave and his wife, Sarah have three adult children, all who started their professional life as educators. Free time for Dave is enjoyed by traveling, gardening, reading exploring the world of nature and history as well as spending time with Sarah, his children and grandson, Carter.

## Welcome Wagon (continued)

Referred to our Platteville Optimist Club by Platteville Area Noon Optimist Club President, Amanda Wright, we welcomed Brad Mootz on May 8. Originally from Belmont, Brad grew up on a grain and beef farm near the Platteville Mound. Following high school, he attended UW-P, graduating in 2001 with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering and a minor in Business Administration. Following graduation, Brad moved to Shullsburg, where he currently lives with his wife, Becky of 14 years, daughter Elliana (Elli), age 9 and son Caiden (Cade), age 5. Until recently, Brad worked for a Civil/Structural Engineering firm as a design engineer and project manager. He recently made a career change and is now a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones and will be opening a new office in Platteville. Brad is active in the community, serving as VP of the Shullsburg Library Committee, member-elect of the UW-P Alumni Board of Directors and is active within his church. In his free time, Brad enjoys running, camping, golfing and spending time with his family.



We are delighted to welcome back Matt Melby, Melby-Bendorf Funeral Home as a ‘Friend of Optimist’.

An alternative to joining the Optimist as an active member is to join as a ‘Friend of Optimist’. The support provided by a ‘Friend of Optimist’ allows the actively working members to continue to benefit millions of children worldwide. Matt has been a past speaker at our meetings, was an active member in the past until his schedule became less flexible and was also a previous ‘Friend of Optimist’. This classification of membership is a great asset to the clubs and the active members.

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**??Have you been to an Optimist Meeting this year?**  
**??Have you invited a guest to an Optimist Meeting?**  
**??Have you extended an invite to join our Club?**  
**!!Thank You For Helping to Grow Our Club!!**

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## FAREWELL IS SUCH SWEET SORROW

As we are fortunate to continue welcoming new members, we have also regretfully accepted the resignation of four additional members. We say farewell to Diana Trendt, Valerie Martin, Jim Hamilton and Gordy Gimski. Needless to say, they will be greatly missed and have received a standing invite to rejoin if their schedule allows in the future.





## OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

### June

02 – Board Meeting 7AM PBII Conference Room  
14 – Flag Day  
14 – Grant County Dairy Breakfast  
21 – Father's Day  
30 – Board Meeting 7 AM (July)



### July

4 – Independence Day



### August

04 – Board Meeting 7AM  
16-23 – Grant County Fair  
22 – Potosi Brew Fest



## TIME FOR CHEESE CURDS

I'm sure everyone remembers the saying...Many Hands Make Light Work! With a little preplanning on the part of all members, we can once again realize a successful fund raising season! Seems like each year we gain new youth organizations and/or events that our Club can benefit with a donation. With all members sharing their time and talents during our Cheese Curd events, we can successfully reach out to more and more youth in our area!!



Our first event for the season will be the Grant County Fair. Unfortunately, the Potosi Brewfest is Aug. 22, the Saturday of the Fair. Please go to your calendar **NOW**, pick a day and be ready when you hear from Ken Kamps to sign up for one, two or three shifts. Let's make this a banner year for Cheese Curds and our fundraising!! **WE NEED YOU!**

## MONTHLY/WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Many thanks to Kathy Kopp, Gary Engelke and Ken Kamps for serving as speaker coordinators for June, July and August, 2014. We have had some outstanding weekly programs to date. If you know of someone that would have a message to share with our members, please make contact with any one of these members.

## MEETING LOCATION

Until further notice, we are meeting at Country Kitchen. Our first few meetings at the new location have been very positive. Great meeting room, great breakfast and very welcoming atmosphere and staff.



Have you traveled some place others might enjoy? Share with Maxine for a future article. In April, Steve and I visited Oklahoma City, Murrah Federal Building Museum and Memorial. Hard to believe it has been 20 years, 4/19/95. As a part of our history, everyone should visit this sight and be prepared to be overwhelmed. Rated 5 on a scale of 1-5! Emotionally rewarding!

## SHARING SPECIAL EVENTS

### Happy Birthday Wishes Go Out To . . .

#### June

09 – Ernie Thalman  
19 – Ron Weier

#### July

15 – Gary Engelke

#### August

03 – Eileen Nickels	11 – Terry Beebe
05 – Maggie Kleisath	26 – Dave Jones
09 – Jim Boll	28 – Barb Stockhausen
10 – Gary Munson	29 – Fern Nall



### Happy Anniversary Wishes To Member & Spouse . . .

#### June

02 – Jerry Schewe	26 – Wayne Wodarz
13 – John Urness	27 – Steve & Maxine Lane '70
18 – Tom & Fern Nall	29 – Terri Ellis '85
26 – Phil Swift	30 – Howard Croofoot

#### July

11 – Leon Neuheisel  
26 – Arnie Roper  
29 – Gary & Eileen Engelke



#### August

09 – Dave Allen ('75)	20 – Anne Klawiter '65
17 – Steve & Maggie Kleisath	22 – Virgil Pufahl
17 – Stacia Stephenson	23 – Ken Kamps
18 – Jim Olds	31 – Gary Munson

### CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST

#### June

1989 – Eileen Nickels (L)	2004 – Gary Engelke
2003 – Terri Ellis	2004 – Eileen Engelke
2004 – Tim Murphy	

#### July

1975 – Virgil Pufahl	1993 – Barb Stockhausen
1976 – Jim Boll (L)	2007 – Terry Beebe

#### August

1994 – Mike Olds	2012 – Steve Kleisath
2004 – Diane VanNatta	2012 – Maggie Kleisath
2012 – Gary Munson	2014 – Lori Velte

Please send announcements, events, birthday/anniversary dates to Maxine at [msmacy105@yahoo.com](mailto:msmacy105@yahoo.com) for sharing in our newsletter. Your contributions are appreciated.

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