

# ROOSTER CALL



## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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***“To Impact the lives of youth  
in a positive and encouraging manner”***

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**Attendance:** 26 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Hap Daus, Gary Engelke, Mark Haas, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Ron Weier Wayne Wodarz.

**Guests:** President Schambow welcomed our speaker, Alaine Olhafer-Lange.

**Mystery Greeter:** Paul Budden was our mystery greeter, greeting Leon Neuheisel.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** No birthdays or anniversaries to acknowledge this morning.

**Joker Draw:** Chris Budden was holding the lucky ticket, drawing the 5 of hearts.

**Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:**

- Thank you received from Bob Weier and Pat Moxness. President Schambow took Sandy & Seal, partners to the famous ‘shell lamp’ and made a separate centerpiece and took down to Bob. This will become a second sharing item. Bob appreciated it and the accompanying poem, using an excerpt from the Creed.
- President Schambow announced Maxine will find out if she will win the nomination for SWIS District Governor Elect over the weekend at the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter conference. Good Luck wishes were extended to Max.
- President Schambow announced the scholarship presentation will take place Monday evening at PHS. She asked M Lane to make the presentation as she was not sure about standing for any length of time due to her recent knee surgery.

**OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:**

**Bike Rodeo:** President Schambow again encouraged members to volunteer for the bike rodeo, sponsored by the Platteville Area Optimist Club on June 18.

**Golf Social:** A sign up was circulated for the event scheduled for June 22, 2019.

**Recruitment:** President Schambow stated we continue to look for members to share their time and talent as a Board Member and we also need a second vice president. She announced also that Pat Moxness is stepping down from her position on the board and will need someone to finish out her term, which she has one year remaining.



## **Program:**

Paul Budden introduced our speaker, Alaine Olthafer-Lange, Airport Manager at A & A Aviation. Alaine grew up on a farm southwest of Belmont. As a kid, her first memory is getting an airplane ride as a part of a Sunday school event at the airport. From that moment on, she had a fascination of airplanes that was encouraged by her father, a private pilot, though not actively flying. When Alaine was in high school she and her father would travel to the EAA airshow in Oshkosh to see one of the only flying B-24 bombers, an important airplane to the family as it was one of the same aircraft her grandfather served on as a flight engineer during WWII.



Following graduation from Belmont High School, Alaine attended Minnesota State University's Aviation program graduating with a bachelor's of science in aviation with an emphasis on professional flight. The next stop for Alaine was Colorado with hopes of seeing her aviation career accelerate. Unfortunately the great recession of 2008 hit the aviation industry hard. Alaine worked many odd jobs to make ends meet until finally getting an opportunity to work as a flight instructor at the Erie Tri-County Airport, which further led to a position as Project Manager at Pilatus Business Aircraft. In 2012, Alaine along with her husband Andy and their first child moved back to the family farm and

started A & A Aviation. Their business focused on flight training, aircraft rental and aircraft maintenance. In 2015 they started managing the Platteville Airport and currently have approximately 18 students who are learning to fly along with 2 instructors.

A very interesting presentation which covered various statistics within the aviation industry, stories surrounding students who have graduated from their flight training school, the number of planes that are serviced by Andy as the primary mechanic and the number of flights that come into and depart from the airport. Q & A followed.

**Weekly Speakers:** Thanks to Paul and Chris Budden for scheduling our May Speakers.

May 17: Matt Melby, Melby Funeral Home & Crematory

May 24: Jessica Munz & Keri Wedige/UW-P Continuing Education

May 31: Brooke Rowe/Box of Balloons

Thanks to Ken Kamps for scheduling our speakers during the month of June.

June 7: Business Meeting

June 14: Grant County Sheriff, Nate Dreckman will speak on human trafficking

June 21: Ron Boldt will speak on the history of the fire department

June 28: Tom Goodney who is an expert witness at trials

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

### **A Shout Out from Peggy Compton**

**Do you need someone to work for you or your business this summer? Adam Compton will soon be home from his freshman year at UW-Whitewater and is looking for summer employment.**

**Highly recommended by Mom and Optimist Member, Peggy Compton!**

**Contact Adam at 608-642-2827 or [comptonAH10@uww.edu](mailto:comptonAH10@uww.edu)**