



Platteville Optimist Club

Monthly Highlights

July 2020



Vision Statement: “To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner”

2019 – 2020 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers: Dan Engelke, President – Tom Nall, Vice President – Tim Boldt, Second Vice President – Wayne Wodarz, Past President – Duane Borgen, Treasurer – Becky Schambow, Secretary

Board of Directors: Chris Budden, Steve Lane, Tim Murphy, Doug Martin, Leon Neuheisel, and Linda Thomas

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NOTE: Due to Covid Pandemic and “safe distancing” requirements, the Platteville Optimist Board and Members have not been able to meet in person since March 6, 2020. In an effort to continue Club business, the Board of Directors met twice in June (11th and 23rd) via Zoom’s internet application. Committee highlights and Board motions/actions taken at those two meetings were reported in the “Monthly Highlights” for June 2020. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2020.

HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HELD IN JULY

- **July 3, 2020 – No meeting due to holiday weekend**
- **July 10, 2020 – Membership’s “Business Meeting” held via Zoom – Hosted by Peggy Compton, and led by Vice President Tom Nall.** Vice President Nall opened the meeting and led the attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed. In addition to conducting membership business to review and approve Bylaw changes, and elect/appoint officers for the Governing Board’s next fiscal year beginning 10-1-20, the meeting featured Adam Ruechel, Platteville’s new City Manager, as the Guest speaker. Complete minutes from that meeting can be found on the Platteville Optimist Club’s website.
 - o **Attendees:** There were 28 regular members and 1 Friend of Optimist member attending including: Jim Boebel; Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris Budden; Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Peggy Compton; Howard Crofoot; Hap Daus; Penny Droessler; Terri Ellis; Mark Essex; Mike Hahn; Priscilla Hahn; Ken Kamps; Maxine Lane; Steve Lane; Fern Nall; Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Eileen Nickels; Becky Schambow; Joy Schewe; Robert Stephens; Ernie Thalman; Linda Thomas; and Ron Weier. Barb Stockhausen (*Friend of Optimist joined meeting via phone*). Guest Speaker in attendance was Adam Ruechel, Platteville’s City Manager.
- **July 17, 2020 – Meeting was held via Zoom –** President Dan Engelke opened the meeting and led the attendees in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed. Appreciation was extended to Peggy Compton for hosting this meeting via UW-Extension Zoom and for recruiting our guest speaker, Dorothea Salo, Distinguished Faculty Associate at UW-Madison’s “Information School”. Dorothy provided very informative lessons on ways / systems to help protect ourselves and our families from account hacks and identity thefts. Ms. Salo’s power point presentation was sent out to all members via email on July 23rd. A YouTube recording of her presentation was sent out to all members via email on July 28th.

- **Announcements made:**
 - President Engelke noted sincere sympathy to Eileen and Gary Engelke, and Maxine and Steve Lane on the passing of Eileen's and Maxine's mother (*Theresa Wilson*) who frequently volunteered to sew our award patches on our Club's banners.
 - Becky Schambow noted that today (17th) is Matt Tyc's birthday, and that Pat and Bob Weier will celebrate their anniversary on July 20th.
- **Attendees:** There were 22 members who linked in and participated including: Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris and Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Peggy Compton; Howard Crofoot; Terri Ellis; Dan Engelke; Mike and Priscilla Hahn; Ken Kamps; Maggie Kleisath; Doug Martin; Tim Murphy; Fern and Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Becky Schambow; Joy Schewe; Robert Stephens; and Ernie Thalmann. Guest speaker in attendance was Dorothea Salo, UW-Madison.
- **July 24, 2020 – Meeting was held via Zoom –** Vice President Tom Nall opened the meeting and led the attendees in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance and our Optimist Creed. Appreciation was extended to Peggy Compton for hosting this meeting via UW-Extension Zoom and for recruiting our guest speaker, Ajay Sethi, PhD, MHS - UW Madison's Population Health Sciences Faculty Director, Master of Public Health Program. Dr. Sethi provided information on "Covid 19 in Wisconsin". A YouTube recording of Dr. Sethi's presentation was sent out to all members via email on July 28th.
 - **Announcements made:**
 - Vice President Nall noted that Chief Doug McKinley, Platteville Police Department, will be our guest speaker on July 31st;
 - Becky Schambow noted that Jim Boebel's birthday is today, and that Arnie Roper and his wife Janet will celebrate their anniversary on July 26th, and Eileen and Gary Engelke will celebrate their anniversary on July 29th.
 - **Attendees:** There were 25 regular members, 1 Friend of Optimist Member and three guests who linked in and participated including: Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris and Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Peggy Compton; Janelle Davis; Penny Droessler; Terri Ellis; Ken Kamps; Maggie Kleisath; Kathy Kopp; Maxine Lane; Doug Martin; Eileen McCartney; Tim Murphy; Fern and Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Alaina Reeves; Becky Schambow; Joy Schewe; Robert Stephens; Ernie Thalmann; Linda Thomas; Gene Weber (FOO); and guests Sarah Ellis; Madge Neuheisel; and Dr. Sethi (speaker).
- **July 31, 2020 – Meeting was held via Zoom –** Vice President Tom Nall opened the meeting and led the attendees in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed. Appreciation was extended to Peggy Compton for hosting this meeting via UW-Extension Zoom and to Howard Crofoot and Becky Schambow for recruiting Chief Doug McKinley, Platteville Police Department as our guest speaker. Chief McKinley provided information about our local police department, especially as they face challenges in this time of Covid Pandemic and civil unrest in America. A YouTube recording of Chief McKinley's presentation was sent out to all members via email on August 3rd.
 - **Announcements:**
 - It was noted that Dairy Days has been cancelled and the Board will be discussing alternatives for fund raising events at their upcoming meeting August 4th.
 - Becky Schambow noted that Eileen Nickels will celebrate her birthday on August 3rd, and Maggie Kleisath will celebrate her birthday on August 5th.
 - **Attendees:** There were 24 members and two guests who linked in and participated including: Jim Boebel; Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris and Paul Budden; Peggy Compton; Howard Crofoot; Hap Daus; Mark Essex; Bob Hundhausen; Ken Kamps; Maggie Kleisath; Doug Martin; Tim Murphy; Fern and Tom Nall; Leon Neuheisel; Alaina Reeves; Becky Schambow; Joy Schewe; Robert Stephens; Ernie Thalmann; Ron Weier; and guests Madge Neuheisel; and Chief Doug McKinley (speaker).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS in AUGUST

Please note recognition of membership anniversaries, birthdays, and members' wedding anniversaries that will occur in August. (*Please let B. Schambow know if anyone was missed.*)

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- **Mike Olds - 1994**
- **Diane VanNatta - 2004**
- **Maggie and Steve Kleisath - 2012**
- **Paul Budden - 2016**
- **Christine Budden – 2017**
- **Diane Paynter - 2019**

AUGUST - FRIENDS OF OPTIMISTS

- **Platteville Dairy Queen – 2019**

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- **Brad Brogley *and wife* – August 7th**
- **Mark Essex *and wife Karen* – August 9th**
- **Maggie and Steve Kleisath – August 17th**
- **James Olds *and wife Dorothy* – August 18th**
- **Kathy Kopp *and husband Joe* – August 19th**
- **Anne Klawiter *and husband Richard* – August 20th**
- **Virgil *and wife Marcia* – August 22nd**
- **Ken Kamps *and wife Lois Jean* – August 23rd**
- **Jen and Jim Schweigert – August 26th**
- **Kim Skemp *and wife Cindy* – August 30th**

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

- **Eileen Nickels – August 3rd**
- **Maggie Kleisath – August 5th**
- **Jim Boll – August 9th**
- **David Jones – August 26th**
- **Fern Nall – August 29th**