

# ROOSTER CALL

## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

CURRENTLY MEETING 7:00 AM FRIDAYS AT COUNTRY KITCHEN, HWY 151, PLATTEVILLE, WI

**Friday, March 11, 2016**

**Attendance:** 27 Members – Ron Weier\*, John Urness, Maxine Lane\*, Steve Lane\*, Fern Nall, Tom Nall\*, Leon Neuheisel\*, Diane VanNatta, Wayne Wodarz\*, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark\*, Kevin Haertzen, Jerry Schewe, Becky Schambow, Hap Daus\*, Howard Crofoot, Arnie Roper, Bob Stephens, Ann Cooley, Bob Weier, Gary Munson, Doug Martin, Gary Engelke\*, Eileen Engelke\*, Brad Mootz, Tim Boldt, Dan Engelke. In addition, Gary Engelke introduced his guest, Guy Stead.

\*10 members were wearing Optimist Attire.

**Mystery Greeter:** Hap Daus was the lucky recipient who shook mystery greeter Duane Borgen's hand at just the right time, and won a free ticket for Joker Draw.

**Luck of the Draw:** Excitement continues to build as the pot now exceeds \$2,000.00. The ticket number belonging to Arnie Roper was drawn. When he drew the 2 of Clubs, an optimistic cheer from those present greeted Arnie, who had to settle for \$2. We're down to 9 cards, one being THE joker.

### **Business Meeting:**

- \*\* President Weier reminded the members of the UW-P Optimist Club fund raiser and asked for any members interested in the candy tubes, to be returned to Howard Crofoot. When emptied of candy, the tubes will hold \$20.00 in quarters.
- \*\* President Weier stated that Bob Weier, Maxine Lane and he had lunch at Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant on Wednesday this week and presented the Friend of Optimists plaque to Julie Klein.
- \*\* Gary Munson provided an update on both the Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest, stating the Essay Contest Winner has presented at District; however, not results yet made available. The Oratorical zone competition will be Saturday, March 12 with two participants going on to District. Gary further stated that next year he would like to see additional dollars allocated to these competitions to encourage additional participants.
- \*\* Doug Martin reminded the members of the upcoming Tri-Star Basketball on April 9. M Lane will have a sign up sheet that will be circulated, all members will be contacted by email for volunteers, and bleachers will hopefully be made available for the comfort of parents/family members to watch the competition. Bob Weier stated that Tom Sigwarth will provide tokens to participants and workers good for a free dilly bar or small ice cream cone.
- \*\* Maxine announced a Spring Fling Social is in the planning stages for the evening of April 9, following the Tri-Star Basketball event. Looking at Steve's Pizza (as a FOO of the Platteville Area Optimists) and an invite to the Platteville Area Optimists will be extended to join our club for this event.

### **Program:**

Today's speaker, our own Becky Schambow, was introduced by Kevin Haertzen. Becky has a career history with Southwest Health Center of some 40 years, serving in multiple capacities that eventually landed her in her current position as Director of Safety and Risk Management at Southwest Health

Center. She owes much of her progress with SWHC to Dr. Stuessy who she first worked for when joining the company. As a doctor with a high degree of perfectionism, this quality was quickly acquired by Becky and stands with her yet today.

Even after 40 years, her training continues as she attends a quarterly meeting provided by Rural Wisconsin Health Co-op to stay current on industry standards in the safety requirements at medical facilities. This training is vital to her position as she carries the responsibility of analyzing policies and procedures and implementing within the organization to comply with not only federal regulations but those established by SWHC. In her position an incident report is required daily to monitor for trends in errors/mishandling of procedures and establishing methods to prevent reoccurrences. Her passion is for the safety of patients and staff and she proves that daily in carrying out her responsibilities.



Our own Becky Schambow was today's speaker.

Becky informed the membership that Southwest Health Center is the recipient of the 2016 Woman's Choice Award for top 100 health facilities in the United States. This award is in direct response to surveys completed by patients served at SWHC. Her presentation was timely as the week of March 12 – March 19 is National Patient Safety Week. The Joint Commission Goals established for 2016, which have also been adopted by SWHC, which include: [1] properly identifying patients, [2] improve staff communications, [3] patient satisfaction, [4] medicine safety (highly recommended individuals take meds with them to doctor appointments), [5] reducing emergency alarms of patients, and [6] infection prevention.

Becky concluded by stating that new scenarios surface continually from a safety standpoint that need to be addressed within the health care industry. It takes consistent communication between local emergency personnel, hospital staff, and regulatory agencies to assure safety and soundness for patients and staff. She is confident in stating that Southwest Health Center is comprehensive in having up-to-date means of communication and timely in addressing issues as they surface to maintain the highest degree of safety.

**Minutes taken and submitted by Maxine Lane; edited for "Rooster Call" by Charlie Clark.**

