

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Friday, October 9, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-four Optimists attended. Thirteen were wearing their Optimist Shirts (Bob Weier, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Steve Lane, Maxine Lane, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, John Urness, Charlie Clark, Duane Borgen, Gary Engelke, Wayne Wodarz, and Ernie Thalmann).

Mystery Greeter: Maggie Kleisath greeted Fern Nall.

Joker Draw: Bob Weier's ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. Bob drew and got the 8 of Diamonds as well as \$2.00 for the time together.

Business Meeting:

++ Terry Ellis is celebrating a birthday on October 9th and Dennis Helbing and his wife are celebrating their anniversary this week.

+ Sign-up sheet was passed around for speaker coordinators for 2016.

Thank You: Family connections sent a nice thank you for the \$600 donation we had given them.

Program: Kevin Haertzen introduced the speaker, Dr. David Krugler, who teaches history at UW-Platteville. Dr. Krugler grew up in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He moved to Platteville after getting his doctorate in 1997. Dr. Krugler provided us with a very interesting "Quick" history lesson on "Why Has Government Grown So Much since 1900". There are five events that track the changes in the government since the 19th century.

President Grover Cleveland was asked to provide \$10,000 drought relief to Texas. He vetoed the bill saying that "government is not to support the people as there is nothing in the constitution that enforces it."

President Teddy Roosevelt wanted to help people. In reaction to the 1906 book by Upton Sinclair, which made people aware of conditions in the meat packing industry, Roosevelt established the Food and Drug Administration in 1906. Today the FDA has a budget of 5 billion and has 18,000 employees. President Roosevelt felt that the president was the steward of the people and we should not leave them wrapped in a napkin.

President Woodrow Wilson was a progressive activist. He entered WW1 to make the world safer. He mobilized the military and took control of the railroads during the time of the war.



Dr. David Krugler, professor at UW-Platteville, gave a quick history lesson on "Why Has Government Grown So Much Since 1900."

In 1935 the Social Security Administration was established by Franklin Roosevelt who followed Wilson's lead. In 1937 the FDIC was established to protect the banks and people investing in them. Today there are 60,000 FDIC employees with a budget of 2.78 trillion dollars.

The Cold War lasted for 50 years. Its purpose was to stop the spread of communism and make the world safe for democracy. NATO was established. During this time the Department of Defense was established. In 2014 the defense budget was 500 billion dollars.

Expansion of the New Deal by President Lyndon Johnson gave us Medicare and Medicaid which provided security to seniors. Children's Health Insurance Program helps provide needed care to children. Now there is the Affordable Health Care Act (Obama Care) to ensure more people have health insurance. It makes up 24% of the budget or about 900 billion dollars.

A lot of things we have today are a result of research done in the past. Satellites are a result of the Cold War and other things are a result of research done by the defense program.

Your history lesson was very enjoyable and brought back many memories, thank you Dr. Krugler.

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