

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – September 14, 2018

Attendance: 33 Members – Joan Bahr, Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mike Hahn, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

What another exciting meeting we had!!

~ President Wodarz announced the addition of two new members
Wayne Willkomm, sponsor Becky Schambow
Karen Kurt, City Manager, sponsor Maxine Lane
We are closing in on yet another year as a Distinguished Club.

Guests: It was also exciting to welcome two guests this morning, who are potentially new members to our club. Thanks to Charlie Clark for inviting Mark Haas and to Linda Thomas for inviting Gina Pittz.

Mystery Greeter: Joan Bahr was greeted by Fern Nall.

Joker Draw: Two for two? Joan Bahr also was holding the lucky ticket number, after drawing, yes you guessed it, her own ticket. Winning was not to be, except for the \$2.00.

Sippy Cup Award: Careful is the word at the morning breakfast meetings. No confirmation but the word has it there was an unreported spillage by one ‘C Clark’. Any truth to that?



Announcements:

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements: Several acknowledgements were received and circulated: Family Advocates – Hunters Safety – Duck’s Unlimited – Platteville Middle School – Libraries Rock

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Several birthdays to celebrate this morning: The membership voices were at their best as we sang ‘Happy Birthday’ to Joan Bahr, celebrating today, 9/14. Other members celebrating in the next few days were Peggy Compton-9/15, Mike Hahn-9/15 and Bob Stephens-9/23.

We also had anniversaries to acknowledge and would be celebrated this upcoming week, George Byykkonen on 9/14 and Mike Olds, 9/19.

Cheese Curd Sales Update: It was noted for the record that between our two events, we did very well, exceeding last year.

Dairy Day Parade: The ‘Cheese Curd Band’ float was awarded First Place in the Non Profit category, receiving a blue ribbon and \$50.00 prize money.

Pizza Party: B Schambow reminded everyone of the date, September 19, Uno’s. Invite sent, sign up circulated. Please sign up by September 17.

Awards/Installation Banquet: October 7, Elks Lodge, Invite sent, sign up circulated. B Schambow encouraged everyone to attend.





Program: Thanks to Peggy Compton for coordinating our speakers today. For more than 20 years, local UW-Extension Educators in 5 counties (Iowa, Lafayette, Grant, Crawford and Richland) have worked with local schools to conduct the Southwest Wisconsin Youth Survey (SWYS) (now known as Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)). The survey provides local schools with reliable, timely, pertinent self-report data on attitudes, behaviors and perceptions of their middle and high school students. Bev Doll, Family Living Educator from Grant County UW-Extension and Lori Wick, 4-H Youth Educator from Lafayette County UW-Extension joined us to share information from the most recent survey in 2017.

Informational, detailed information was shared in the form of graphs and percentages, which will not be all inclusive in this bulletin; however, I hope to hit many of the areas that were overwhelmingly unbelievable.

Survey topics included: using cell phone while driving, sexting, bullied on school property, use of non-prescribed painkillers, students who agree illegal drugs are a problem at their school, students without sufficient food, students who almost or always feel stress in their lives. The survey presented covered 9th – 12th grade, both female and male.

- *Use a cell phone while driving – female 32% - male 34%
- *Have been asked to send/post sexually explicit photo of themselves – female 52% - male 21%
- *Bullied on school property – female 32% - male 23%
- *Have taken non-prescribed painkillers – female 8% - male 9%
- *Agree illegal drugs are a problem at their school – female 42% - male 33%
- *Go hungry due to lack of food – female 10% - male 9%
- *Most of the time they feel stress in their life – female 63% - male 32%

On a positive note, here are some additional percentages:

- 80% of students feel safe and secure at their school
- 92% of students eat at least one piece of fruit per day
- 76% of students agree they can resist negative peer pressure and dangerous situations
- 61% of students feel good about themselves
- 78% of students will probably or definitely complete a post high school program
- 86% of students have one or more adults, besides their parents, whom they are comfortable with and reach out to
- 51% of students agree that they matter to people in their community

These statistics were broken down in more detail; however, impossible to include all in our bulletin. A sample newsletter was also provided, “Parents Make A Difference”, a publication through UW-Extension, is circulated to parents through the schools, sharing information on the topics within the YRBS. The next survey is scheduled for spring 2019. Thank you Peggy, Bev and Lori, for sharing some very interesting and yet alarming information. Time was allowed for questions.

Weekly Speakers:

Thank you to Peggy Compton for coordinating our September speakers.

September 21: Brodie Dockendorf, Operations Mgr., Quilt Block Wind Farm-Wind 101 (*Overview of Windfarms*)

September 28: Sydney Soderbeck, Biology Senior, UWP - Jeff Jackson, Stewardship Specialist, Southwest Badger RC&D *Developing leadership through an Aquatic Invasive Species Internship*

Thank you to the Dan & Tom Team (Dan Engelke & Tom Nall) for coordinating October speakers.

October 5: Business Meeting

October 12: Jamie Collins, Marketing Director SHC – Talking Transgender: Jamie will share the joys, challenges, heartbreaks and triumphs she’s experienced on her journey to living authentically. (coordinator, Charlie Clark)

October 19: Jean Napp, Astronomical League Master Observer, President of Starsplitters of Wyalusing State Park

October 26: Julie Stephenson, Occupational Health and Patient Experience Manager SHC

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call Bulletin by Maxine Lane