

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin - Business Meeting – Friday, December 2, 2016

Attendance: 26 Members – *Charlie Clark, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Leon Neuheisel, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz (*14 wearing Optimist shirts)

Tim Boldt, Howard Crofoot, Eileen Engelke, Beth Frieders, Dave Jones, Doug Martin, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Bob Stephens, Gene Weber.

Guests: Kayla Leibfried, Development Director from Wisconsin Badger Camp joined our meeting to accept the annual club donation of \$1,000.00. A print presented to our club at the Quarterly SWIS District Conference was also given to Kayla for the 1966 Badger Camp Event Auction, scheduled for December 10, 2016. Kayla addressed the membership, thanking them for the sponsorship donation. She stated this is the second year for the event with last year bringing in some \$92M and hoping to reach \$100M this year.

Mystery Greeter: Gary Engelke greeted Howard Crofoot this morning for the free Joker Draw entry.

Monthly Breakfast Draw: Present and receiving a free breakfast during December was Doug Martin and Wayne Wodarz. Members not present and eligible for a free breakfast in December is Tim Murphy and Phil Swift.

Joker Draw: Howard Crofoot was in the lucky seat this morning, being greeted by Gary Engelke and then having the lucky ticket for the joker draw. But that is where it ended, drawing the 9 of spades.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Virgil Pufahl was remembered with Happy Birthday wishes (12/1).

Recognized for years of membership: Kathy Kopp~1993, Tom Nall~2000, Beth Frieders~2006, Tim Boldt~2012, Bob Weier~2012 and Becky Schambow~2014.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Finance/Administrative:

Financial Report: Asst. Treasurer, John Urness reported the internal account has a balance of \$2,665.78, with \$470 representing Joker Draw Money. The Youth Account balance stands at \$18,636.24, with pending commitments to be paid out. The Board recommended approval of the treasurer's report, seconded by Tim Boldt. Carried. Discussion was held on \$3,000 which is not committed within the 2016-2017 budget. With rates extremely low, a certificate of deposit was not an option given strong consideration. Howard Crofoot referenced an investment opportunity with Optimist International where funds are available when needed and currently at a favorable rate. This will be researched further as an option.

Youth Activities: ~President Haertzen stated we are in need of volunteers for Santa Calling. The signup sheet was circulated. He also reminded members that there is still a need for bell ringers and passed the signup. ~Gary Munson reported the dates for the Essay and Oratorical have been established, February 1 and March 6, respectively. Fern Nall and Jerry Schewe have volunteered for Essay Judges, and we are in need on one more.



Community Service: Maxine reported that the Platteville Holiday Project toy pickup is being handled by Steve Lane and other member volunteers willing to help him. First pickup is today. Gary Engelke also reported he has had two big pickups from Country Inn & Suites from a holiday promotion they have been sponsoring. These were also delivered to the Platteville Holiday Project.

Fellowship/Weekly Programs: Gary reviewed the speakers that will be presenting for December (see below). Committee Chairman, Becky Schambow confirmed that the Post-Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday, January 13 at the Wisconsin Bank and Trust Community Room. Cocktails at 5:00, dinner at 6:00, catered by Ma's of Bloomington, followed by the traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange.



Membership: Ladies luncheon will be scheduled in early April, 2017

Publicity/Newsletter: Maxine stated the quarterly newsletter will be issued Friday, December 9, allowing all raffle winners to be published.

New Business: The Board was recommending approval of a \$150.00 donation to a fundraiser for Finnegan McGuire. Ron Weier reviewed the circumstances with funds being used by the family for medical related expenses for the 3 year old son, Finnegan. Brief discussion led to a motion of approval by Kevin Haertzen, second by Gary Engelke. Carried. Funds will come from the excess Joker Draw money.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

- ~ Maggie Kleisath spoke briefly about the Alone for Christmas Dinner
- ~ President Haertzen stated the main topic at the Quarterly SWIS District Conference was membership and ways to increase. He also presented two patches our club received. The Bronze Benefactor represents our club giving at least \$15,000 to OI throughout the life of our organization.
- ~ Bob Weier stated for a first time he did the bell ringing and found it to be quite an inspiring experience.

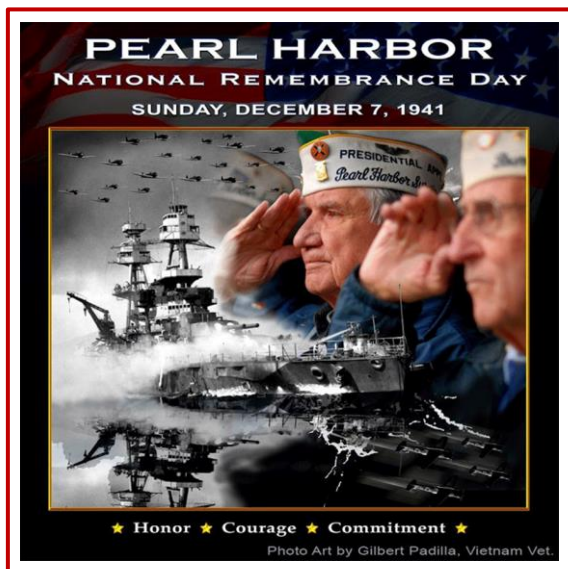
Weekly Speakers: December Friday Morning Programs, Coordinator(s), Gary & Eileen Engelke

December 9: Steve Lemeir, Executive Chef at Bridgeway Commons. **Meet at Country Kitchen (6:45 AM) and carpool to Bridgeview Commons** for buffet breakfast and hear a presentation from Steve Lemeir.

December 16: Lisa Edge and Noah, the Wonder Dog. Lisa rescued Noah from a backyard breeder in California, who was born without eyes and his back legs paralyzed. Lisa shares that seeing a picture of Noah on Facebook, she didn't see a dog beyond help; she saw a dog she needed in her life. She now shares a great meaning about differences and an anti-bullying message.



December 23: Diane Bolander, Director Jameson Museum



Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane.