

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

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

Platteville Optimist – Business Meeting Friday, December 6, 2019

Attendance: There were 38 members attending including: Joan Bahr; Jim Boebel; Tim Boldt; Carley Borcharding; Duane Borgen; Chris Budden; Paul Budden; Charlie Clark; Peggy Compton; Howard Crofoot; Hap Daus; Penny Droessler; Terri Ellis; Eileen Engelke; Beth Frieders; Mike Hahn; Priscilla Hahn; Dave Jones; Maggie Kleisath; Maxine Lane; Steve Lane; Doug Martin; Eileen McCartney; Tim Murphy; Fern Nall; Tom Nall; Melissa Palfrey; Alaina Reeves; Becky Schambow; Greg Sieckman; Mary Sieckman; Guy Stead; Robert Stephens; Linda Thomas; Gene Weber; Ron Weier; and Wayne Wodarz.

Guests to Welcome: Tom Nall, President Elect, called the meeting to order and welcomed John Grothjan as our guest.

Mystery Greeter: Fern Nall was the Mystery Greeter, greeting Penny Droessler.

Birthdays: None applicable in upcoming week.

Anniversaries: Eileen McCartney and her husband Terry will be celebrating their anniversary on Dec 7th.

Membership Anniversaries this month: President Elect T. Nall noted that the following people / friends have membership anniversaries this month:

- Kathy Kopp in 1993
- Tom Nall in 2000
- Beth Frieders in 2006
- Tim Boldt and Bob Weier in 2012
- Becky Schambow in 2014
- and Friend of Optimist – Dupaco Community Credit Union in 2015

Breakfast Drawing: The following names were drawn for a free breakfast this month. Present: Ron Weier and Terri Ellis. Not present: Gary Engelke and Phil Swift.

Joker Draw: Joan Bahr's ticket was drawn for a chance to win the Joker Draw, however she drew the 10 of Diamond. Our pot continues to build.

General Announcements:

- Thank You: President Elect T. Nall reported receipt of thank you notes from: Platteville Schools and Platteville Chorale for our support/donations; and Family Advocates for our donation of pictures to their facility.

- Holiday Project:

A big shout out to Terri Ellis and Linda Thomas for volunteering to pick up donated toys at the local banks, and to Gary Engelke and Steve Lane who picked up donated toys at Farm and Fleet. Good thing Steve had a truck and trailer as it was full. Our community and Optimist volunteers will help make lots of kids have a Happy Holiday.



- What's happening this weekend:

- Terri Ellis noted that her son and daughter will be performing with the Dubuque Symphony on Saturday and Sunday.
- Wayne Wodarz encouraged members to attend Platteville High School's musical (*The Adams Family*) this weekend. He commended students' performance.
- Carley Borcharding encouraged people to attend the Winter Wonderland, which will feature a Story Book Walk for Children at the Rountree Branch Trail / Katie's Garden.

- Donations for Country Kitchen Waitresses: A container was circulated for members who chose to donate for a holiday gift of cash that will be presented to the waitresses on Dec. 20th.

- Postponement of Installation of Mark Essex: President Elect Nall noted that Mark was scheduled to be installed today, but was not able to attend. Nall noted our sympathies are extended to Mark and wife Karen for the unexpected death of their 32 year old niece.

BUSINESS MEETING

Finance/Administrative:

- **Treasurer's Report Period Ending 11-30-2019:** Duane Borgen provided members with the Financial Report for the end of November noting an internal account balance of \$8,049.77, and the youth account balance of \$23,960.15. President Elect Nall reported a motion has been made by the Board recommending approval of this report. Seconded by Eileen Engelke, motion carried unanimously.
- **Donation Requests by Date – Payment Schedule:** D. Borgen explained that he created a "payment schedule" that identifies a schedule of when donations requested / approved will be paid out to the agencies in this fiscal year. President Elect Nall reported a motion has been made by Board recommending approval of this schedule. Seconded by Carley Borcharding, motion carried unanimously. It was suggested that Speaker Coordinators attempt to get representatives from the various agencies/recipients as speakers to talk about their programs.

- **Committee Update Highlights:**

- **Finance Committee:**

- **Annual Review of Books of Account:** It was reported that Doug Rogers is not able to do assist review until after 12-31-19. Because our bylaws state the review is to be done by Dec. 31st Dave Jones volunteered to conduct the review with Bob Hundhausen and Gary Engelke.
- **Authorized Check Signers:** Alaina Reeves is not able to be a back up to Treasurer due to a work conflict. Wayne Wodarz volunteered to be a backup.

- **Youth:**

- **Essay and Oratorical Contests:** With Christine Storlie as the lead coordinator of this event, Committee sent out information to the area schools this week.
- **Tri-Star Basketball:** The Youth Committee has scheduled the contest to be held on March 28th, 2020 at UW-Platteville.
- **JOI Club Hockey Event:** The event has been scheduled for Sunday, April 5th, 2020 at the Mystique Community Ice Center / Dubuque Fighting Saints arena.

- **Community Service:**

- **Santa Calling:** This event is scheduled for the evenings of Dec. 10th, 11th, and 12th. Doug Martin indicated there's a need for volunteers for the 12th. Volunteers are to be at City Hall's Mineral Street entrance at 6:00 p.m. on their assigned evenings.

- **Fellowship:**

- **December Speakers:** It was reported that the following speakers have been recruited by Gary and Eileen Engelke and Maxine Lane.
 - December 13: Katelyn Barr - Badger Camp experience;
 - December 20: Larry Lloyd - "Failing French and Growing in Grace" - 15 years of being American on the French/Swiss border;
 - December 27: Nick Martinez, Snap Fitness - Physical Fitness, appropriate at any age.
- **Annual Holiday Party:** The party is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 1, 2020 at Pioneer Lanes. Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m. with meal at 5:30. Cost is \$15/person. Sign up at meetings throughout Dec. or by contacting Linda Thomas at 608-778-7426 or email lindalouthomas53@gmail.com

- **Membership:**

- **Membership Changes:** President Elect T. Nall reported that Mindful Solutions and Morrissey Printing have dropped their FOO memberships. Brad Mootz and Wayne Wilkomm are not renewing their personal memberships. One other FOO, and four other personal members have not yet paid. These members are being contacted by Membership committee or sponsors. If not paid by Dec. 15th they will get notices that they are being dropped from our roster (*as per Bylaws*).
- **Retention vs Recruitment:** Committee will be discussing ideas for getting more members involved with committees and/or activities that correlate with their interests and talents. A survey may be forthcoming to assist Membership

Committee in determining those interests, ideas for other events, fundraisers, etc.

- **Spring Now Luncheon:** Tentatively is scheduled for Saturday, April 18th.
- **New Member Orientation Booklet:** This booklet is now finalized and is being provided to new members.
- **New Member Approval:** President Elect T. Nall reported that the Board has made a motion to approve “Family Advocates” as a Friend of Optimist. Seconded by Maxine Lane, motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of Certificate:

T. Nall presented Melissa Palfrey, Community Relations Director from Family Advocates, with the agency’s certificate of membership.

Volunteers Needed: Melissa noted that Family Advocates is in need of volunteers to assist with transport of their clients to doctors’ appointments, etc. If you would be willing to volunteer, contact Melissa at 348-5995 or community@familyadv.org.



○ **Publicity / Newsletter & Website:**

- **Brochure Changes:** Becky Schambow reported that the Committee recently met and is making changes to our Club’s brochure in an attempt to make it timeless to save in printing costs.
- **Volunteers Needed for Rooster Call:** Becky appreciates those who have volunteered help record meeting notes in our Rooster Calls. More volunteers are needed. Please contact Becky at beckyschambow@gmail.com to volunteer.

○ **Cheese Curd:**

- **Cheese Curd Price Change:** President Elect T Nall advised that a motion has been made by the Board to honor the recommendation from the Cheese Curd Committee, “that we charge \$8, *instead of \$7*, per serving of curds”. Seconded by Paul Budden, motion carried unanimously.
- **Cheese Vendor:** It was reported that the Committee is attempting to contact Foremost Cheese to see if they could provide our curds at a cheaper rate.
- **Grant County Fair Board Concern:** The Committee is considering ways to ensure that we do not have to close sales on Sunday of fair if we run out of curds/supplies.
- **Dairy Days Sunday Hours:** The Committee will be adjusting our hours on Sunday to sales starting at 11:00 a.m. instead of noon.
- **Trailer Storage Rental:** It was reported that we had not paid our \$100 rent for storage of our trailer in last fiscal year, so \$200 was paid for last year and this year’s rental.

Old Business:

- **Joker Draw Fund:** President Elect T. Nall reported that the Board has made a motion to “donate \$300 from the Joker Fund to Platteville Public Schools” for the purpose of offsetting cost of meals to students who may fall through the cracks (*i.e. do not get meals by Federal funding, but parents may not be able to pay for children’s meals*) Jim Boebel, Superintendent (*or his designee*) will determine recipients. Seconded by Mary Sieckman, motion carried.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Other Business:

- **Correspondence from Kelly McNiff:** Doug Martin reported receipt of an email from Kelly McNiff, UW-Platteville Womens Basketball Coach, who together with four players spoke at our meeting on Nov. 22. Kelly noted they shared their experience from that meeting with the entire team, and reviewed our creed as an inspiration/motivation for the team.

Adjourn: the meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Schambow, Secretary