

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 – Friday, June 15, 2018

Attendance: 29 members: Joan Bahr, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crowfoot, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Marilyn Mead, Pat Moxness, Gary Munson, Talia Mushinsky Leon Neuheisel, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Bob Weier.

In the absence of President Wodarz, it was a pleasure to welcome 1st VP Barb Stockhausen to the podium.

Guests: Our speaker today was Tom Sigwarth, who invited his wife, Renee to join him and Joan Bahr had an invited guest, Christopher Baird, a Dietician Intern at SWH.

Mystery Greeter: Chris Budden was our hand shaker, greeting Joy Schewe.

Joker Draw: His streak continues, lucky Bob Weier was chosen to participate in the Joker Draw this morning, drawing the 10 of Clubs, to cheers from the membership.

Announcements:

***Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Only one birthday, that being Ron Weier on 6/19; however, several anniversaries...Matt Bohlken on 6/16, Tom & Fern Nall 6/18, Guy Stead 6/20 and Dan Engelke 6/20.

Tot Slide: Dedication today at 6:00. Members are encouraged to attend. Our club is passing out free ice cream coupons.

50th Anniversary, Saturday, June 23rd: Reservations stand at 91. Appetizers have been ordered, if schedule permits, you can still register to join the event. Fun evening planned.

Rotary Club Uncork Fundraiser: Barb reminded the members of the Rotary UnCork fundraising event, tonight on Main Street.

Football Fund Crazz: Only 22 tickets remain out of 100. Please purchase one for yourself if you choose not to sell. Great fundraiser for our club as we receive \$13 back for each ticket sold.

4th Quarter Conference: Governor Engelke reminded the members of the upcoming 4th quarter conference, held in Waukesha on August 3 & 4. The general session is on Saturday, August 4, followed by the attendance of a Brewer Game. He also mentioned early registrations will receive free entry into the State Fair, which is also that weekend in Milwaukee.

Friend of Youth

Program: Ken Kamps coordinated our speaker for today, Sigwarth, noting he really needed no formal introduction. It is always a pleasure hearing from one of our members, and as a Friend of Optimist, we were excited for Tom's presentation today.

You might say Tom is a bit of a Historian, as he has an avocation for researching historical facts on various subjects. Tom was with us today to share his historical findings about Platteville.

His research started by studying street names in the City, such as Ellen Street, Laura Street and Cora Street. Founding Father, John Hawkins Rountree names Laura Street after his first wife while his daughters were Ellen and Cora. John's later married Lydia Southworth, thus the name of Lydia Street. We also have Harrison Street, names after John's son, Harrison. Virgin Avenue came about through his partner, Noah Virgin.



Tom also referenced several buildings in Platteville. First English Lutheran Church was originally First Lutheran Church of Peace, which was of German background with services done in German. At the turn of the century, it was renamed FELC and became an English speaking gathering. Free Methodist Church, which also housed several other worship entities, is now Blue Notes. The original UWP Academy is now situated on the corner of Bonson and Cedar and at Lancaster and Adams, sits the original student center structure.

It is obvious Platteville has many streets with curves and corners, which is directly related to the Mine Shafts during the prominent mining era.

Much more was shared and the members enjoyed the question and answer time following the presentation. It is a pleasure holding our meetings at Tom's place of business and was delightful to have him

and his wife, Renee, join us this morning.

Weekly Speakers: *Thank you Ken Kamps/Charlie for coordinating our June speakers!!*

June 22 – Ken Kamps: Impressions of Russia

June 29 – Charlie Clark sponsoring: Jason Julius, Day in the Life of a Principal

I greatly appreciate and send Many, Many thanks to Fern Nall for taking notes and putting out the Rooster Call Bulletin last week.

*~~Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call
by Maxine Lane*

