

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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

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Attendance: 24 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Donna Gavin, Mark Haas, Kevin Haertzen, Dennis Helbing, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Wayne Wodarz.

President Schambow opened the meeting with an update on Bob Weier, circulating a poster board that was created by Peggy Compton. The board contained pictures of Bob and Optimist friends along with quotes from our Creed. Peggy also put together a book of photos, that when received, will be brought to a meeting for those in attendance to sign.

Guests: In addition to our speakers, President Schambow welcomed Kathy Murphy, wife of Tim.

Mystery Greeter: Peggy Compton was the ‘mystery person’ this morning, with Kathy Murphy being the recipient of the lucky handshake.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Birthday wishes were extended to Charlie Clark; however, he was willing to accept the wishes only that his birthday was in January. Upon further review, indeed Charlie was in January; however, ‘the quiet one’ Beth Frieders, who said nothing, will celebrate on February 26.

Joker Draw: A familiar name that we have not heard recently, Doug Martin, was holding the ticket with the lucky number, drawing the 10 of spades.

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements: n/a

Announcements:

- President Schambow announced that our club, as well as members, was recognized at the second quarter SWIS conference the past weekend in Sun Prairie. She will share details at the March 1 Business Meeting.
- Members were reminded of our gathering to remember Carl Nodolf who was a Charter Member of our Platteville Optimist Club. We will gather at 3:45 to pay respects at the visitation service.



Member Recognition: President Schambow requested Peggy Compton to join her at the front of the room. At the SWIS Conference in Sun Prairie, Peggy was recognized and presented with a pin from Optimist International, recognizing her for recruiting her first new member into our Club.



Program: Introduced by Dennis Helbing, we were delighted to welcome family from Kieler Farms. Joining us was Louie Kieler, Manager, wife, Ann, company bookkeeper, Leah Kieler, daughter-in-law, milking manager and Renae Clark, daughter, feed mixing manager.

Renae shared the start of what is today known as Kieler Farms, when back in 1947, her grandfather



Pictured with President Schambow, (L-R), Renae Clark, Leah Kieler, Ann Kieler, Louie Kieler

Lawrence, had the desire to make the move from Kieler and start farming. His venture took him to what is known as Dickeyville Bottoms, where the home farm exists yet today. If we fast forward, covering growth and a second and third generation, Kieler Farms, from when Lawrence had 13 cows, now consists of a herd of 1800.

In 2017 the new milking facility was built to accommodate the growth of cows, which includes a 50 stall rotary milking parlor. Milking is completed 3 times per day, taking approximately 9 minutes per cow. The process is monitored by 3 employees at three different stations, each rotating every hour.

Hearing from Leah, wife of Eric, she also grew up on a farm and when leaving for college, she stated unwaveringly, she would 'never' milk a cow again. Love had something different planned for Leah. And yes, you read the introductory correctly; Leah is the milking manager for Kieler Farms.

Mark your calendar...Kieler Farms will be host for the 2019 Grant County Dairy Breakfast on June 9. Time was allowed for Q & A

Weekly Speakers: Thank you Charlie Clark and Ron Weier for coordinating March speaker.

March 1: Business Meeting

March 8: Amy Jo Studden, WI Department Workforce Development – helping disabled individuals receive training and work experience.

March 15: Brigid Reimann and FFA Officers

March 22: Dr. Ray Sloan – Exploring the wonders of Peru

March 29: George Smith, Retired UW-P Professor – His collection of music

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

Just in case you are interested!

Watch here for future items of interest. To post, send email to msmacy105@yahoo.com
Items for sale, looking to buy, member social outings, etc.

