

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”***

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Attendance: 33 Members – Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Chris Budden, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Donna Gavin, Kevin Haertzen, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Pat Moxness, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Virg Pufahl, Becky Schambow, Joy Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

*It was a pleasure to welcome Ken Kamps back this morning.

Guests: Becky Schambow introduced Kim Reuter, Clinic Director at SH, joining as a guest this morning.

Mystery Greeter: President Wodarz served as our mystery greeter, with Ken Kamps being the recipient.

Joker Draw: Filling in for ‘Mr. Joker’, Charlie Clark, Gary Engelke shuffled the cards for Paul Budden who was holding the lucky ticket. Paul received his \$2.00 as he drew the 8 of Hearts.

Announcements:

Sweaters: Maxine brought 3 sweaters for sale for anyone interested.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: n/a

Thank You/Club Acknowledgements: n/a

Youth Activities:

*Tri-Star Basketball: Saturday, April 7 at UW-P Bo Ryan Court, Noon – 2:00.

50th Anniversary Committee:

*Proclamation and check presentation for tot slide donation will take place at the Council Meeting on April 24. President Wodarz stated it would be nice to have club representation present.

Story Book Walk: Carley informed the membership that the StoryBook Walk will kick off this Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 AM from Knollwood Way Trail. The feature story is Peter Rabbit’s Best Bunnies. She will conduct a walk through on Saturday starting at 10:00 AM

NOW Luncheon: Scheduled for April 21 at FELC Fellowship Hall,

*requested date for rsvp will be emailed to allow for planning purposes

*seeking donation of silent auction items

*President Wodarz encouraged members to invite guests

Program: Originally scheduled for February 9, it was a pleasure to welcome Dr. Thad Wontor as our speaker. His previously scheduled presentation was interrupted by Mother Nature. This morning, it became somewhat of a disaster as he hit a deer early in his travels and had to return home for a different vehicle. Having found out about his unfortunate accident, we were grateful he was not injured.

An Optometrist at Southwest Health's Eye Center, Dr. Wontor received a degree in Microbiology from UW-LaCrosse and Doctor of Optometry degree from Indiana University in 2012. He further completed residency training in Ocular Disease and Specialty Contact Lens fitting in Salt Lake City and Indianapolis. Dr. Wontor currently resides in Richland Center with his wife, son and their two dogs. His personal interest include traveling as much as possible, being in the outdoors and rooting for Wisconsin's various sports teams.

Dr. Wontor joined us this morning to share his experience practicing eye care in Alaska. Initially Googling 'traveling optometrist positions', Dr. Wontor came upon such an opportunity. Working through Indian Health Services, Dr. Wontor practiced his eye care from December, 2014 to May, 2016 throughout a greater part of Alaska. The longest period of time in one visit to Alaska was 35 days. His travel was primarily by plane, almost 100% by plane, to visit the many number of villages throughout the vast area he served.



A slide presentation provided a visual of the area(s) he reached, the conditions he worked in, the questionable conditions of the places planes landed, the food that was a staple in the area and related his sleeping accommodations to 'outdoor camping'. And yet, he shared pictures of the beautiful landscape in some of the outer areas of Alaska. He experienced the total darkness, familiar in Alaska, and stated it was nothing to have patients come to visit him at 11:00 at night as night and day were the same.



Many, many questions were asked of Dr. Wontor, one being if he ever bartered for his services. Becky is wearing a hat, just one of the many

items he received for his service and holding a whale sculpture which was also payment for his service.

A most interesting experience and many thanks to Becky for arranging this presentation and thanks to Dr. Wontor for sharing.

Weekly Speakers:

April Programs, Coordinator Beth Frieders

April 6 – Business Meeting

April 13 – TBA

April 20 – TBA

April 27 - TBA



Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by M Lane.