

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, April 13, 2018

Attendance: 31 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Jordan Holthaus, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Pat Moxness, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Pam Stark, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Naomi Wells, Wayne Wodarz.

Special Welcome: It was a pleasure to welcome Maggie back to our weekly meetings this morning, having returned from her winter hideaway in Arizona. Also, Jordan Holthaus, a guest of Bob Weier last week and the new State Farm Agent in Platteville, returned this morning along with his membership application!

Mystery Greeter: Tom Nall was the designated ‘greeter’ this morning and the winning hand shake was received by Linda Thomas.

Joker Draw: Beth Frieders can probably count on one hand the number of times she has been lucky enough to have her ticket drawn. At the same time, even though her ticket is drawn, she is still waiting to win the Joker Draw! A true Optimist!!

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: One birthday to celebrate, Dennis Helbing on April 16. Happy Anniversary greetings are also in order for Paul and Chris Budden on April 14.

Youth Activities:



*Tri-Star Basketball: Tim Boldt gave an update of the event, sharing that 32 kids participated and all but 3 of the first place participants were going to District. Tim also extended a thank you to the members who shared their time to make this successful. Any members with suggestions for this event are welcome to share with Tim. Tim also stated he is



hoping to have this event much earlier next year, perhaps prior to a scheduled Pioneer Basketball Game. Picture was posted to Facebook and also submitted to the Platteville Journal. We also send a big Thank You to members of the SWEET Sixteen Pioneer Basketball Team, Dre, Justin and Q for sharing time with the boys and girls.

50th Anniversary Committee:

*President Wodarz summarized recent updates:

-Proclamation/check presentation at Council Meeting 4.24. City Manager requested if we were going to have a group of members present, we should arrive at 6:45 for a photo. A showing of hands reflected many members plan to attend.

- Full page ad will run on April 25,
- Celebration Event on 6/23, menu being finalized,
- Invitations being prepared, will be forwarded early May,
- Program in final drafting stages,
- Dairy Days subcommittee to meet in the near future.

Miscellaneous:

*NOW Luncheon – April 21 from 11:00 to 1:00 – FELC. Maxine will be requesting reservations/names.
 *Tim Murphy briefly informed the membership of a book signing scheduled on May 5 by a graduate of Cuba City High School and UW-Platteville. Kathy Bresnahan, authored a book, ‘The Miracle Season’, a true story about her experience coaching volleyball in Iowa and the loss of one of the teams players. Kathy will be doing book signing on May 5 at Cuba City High School from 12:30–1:30 and Dickeyville Library from 10:30– 11:30.

Program: Many thanks to Beth Frieders for scheduling Dr. John Peterson, Assistant Professor of Biology, UW-P, as our speaker this morning.

“One of the most entertaining presentations I have encountered, stated Maxine Lane, editor. This should have been videotaped. What an upbeat, enthusiastic, energized, inspirational, positive person; especially when one is talking about frogs and snakes!!”



Dr. Peterson received his Post Doc. in Physiology from Washington State University, his Ph. D. in Physiology from Auburn University and Bachelor of Science in Zoology at Michigan State. He discovered his calling while in second grade when he picked up a salamander and looking the little critter in the face, informed him he would study him throughout his life.

Dr. Peterson’s main work is studying the endangered Cricket Frog, which sounds like and is the size of a cricket. His research also includes frogs, toads and snakes. He reaches out to schools and libraries with his presentations and educational information. He shared a number of research projects he has been involved with and countries he has visited in conducting his research. Dr. Peterson has been with UW-Platteville for 5 years and lives in Platteville with his wife and 3 sons.

This was not only entertaining, it was very informative, even from someone who does not particularly care for frogs, toads and snakes. Plenty of time was allowed for questions and answers.

Weekly Speakers:

Thank you to Beth Frieders for coordinating our April speakers.

- April 20 – Eva Birtell – Summer Internship with NASA working on growing plants in space
- April 27 – Alex Harman, UWP Biology Dept. – Program to increase native plants for pollinators

Thanks to Maxine for coordinating our May Speakers.

- May 4 – Business Meeting
- May 11 – Kate Kozial, Executive Director Platteville Business Incubator – What’s Happening at PBII
- May 18 – Laura Gutierrez, Secretary WI Dept. Safety & Professional Services – Heroin in our Communities
- May 25 – Ellen Warren, Clarity Clinic – Educating the community on health issues