

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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DATE OF PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST WEEKLY MEETING: October 18, 2019

Attendance: 27 members - Joan Bahr, Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Penny Droessler, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, David Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Tim Murphy, Tom Nall, Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Robert Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Rod Thomas, Gene Weber, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: President Engelke acknowledged and welcomed Lynne Parrott, our speaker this morning.



Special Presentation: Our very own Tom "Sippy" Nall received the prestigious "Sippy Cup Award".

Mystery Greeter: Bob Stephens was the recipient of the lucky handshake from the mystery greeter, Penny Droessler.

Birthdays and Anniversaries: None to report.

Joker Draw: Linda Thomas was holding the lucky ticket but drawing the Queen of Diamonds, settled for the \$2 prize.

Mail /Thank You Notes /Club Acknowledgements / Special Announcements: Received from:

- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 42 for donation for Badger Girls State
- Special Olympics Wisconsin
- Platteville School District for donations to Stuff the Bus, PMS Activity Fund, PMS Homework Club and PHS Trip to UW-Whitewater Creative Writing Festival

Old Business / Reminders: None

New Business: President Engelke passed around a sign-up sheet for members willing to arrange for speakers for a month during the upcoming year.

Program: Thanks to Tom Nall for bringing Lynne Parrott to our weekly meeting as a guest speaker. Lynne moved to Platteville 3 years ago and serves as Associate Pastor at the Bread of Life Church and also serves on the board of Family Advocates. She is the author of a book entitled “Pennies from Heaven, A Mother’s Journey from Pain to Purpose” which tells her daughter’s story of domestic violence. Lynne spoke to us about how domestic violence affects us all. This is a timely subject because October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



Lynne explained that she has a hole in her heart because her daughter, LaCrisa was murdered by her boyfriend in 2008. Lynne explained the domino effect of experiencing domestic violence. Many people besides the actual victim are traumatized, especially the children. LaCrisa left behind four young children, each of whom has processed their loss in a different way. Her family has received counseling to help them as they continue to work to process their loss. Faith has been an important part of the process.

Lynne’s work with Family Advocates focuses on how they can help the children and break the cycle of violence. Many of us have been touched or know someone who has been touched by domestic violence. As village keepers it is our responsibility to reach out to anyone who may be a victim and start the conversation that may save them.

Lynne has strived to use her voice for this cause. Experience has taught her that you should not be afraid to let someone hear you scream. She has written plays as part of a freelance production company that address domestic violence. The book she has written is to be used as a tool for ministry and helping all affected by domestic violence. Forgiveness is an essential element to healing. She is turning her pain into purpose.



Upcoming Speakers:

- October 25th - Jenna Phillips – Platteville Farmers Market;
- November 8th – Jeff Gard, UW-Platteville Men’s Basketball Coach – Update on Upcoming Season;
- November 15th– Kathy Kopp, Executive Director of Chamber of Commerce – Update on Chamber Projects and Winter Wonderland at Katie’s Garden;
- November 22nd – Kelly McNiff, UWP Women’s Basketball Coach – Update on Upcoming Season
- November 29th - NO MEETING



Highlights of Meeting Recorded by: *Chris Budden*