

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M. EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Friday, February 20, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-three Optimists, with eight (Virg, Hap, Charlie, Tom, Bob, Gary, Maxine, and Steve) wearing their Optimist shirts. Dennis Helbing was a guest of Bob Weier.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier greeted Maxine Lane.

Luck of the Draw: Steve Lane's ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. He cut and received the 3 of Diamonds as well as \$2.00 for the time together. The pot has \$114.00

Business Meeting:

++ Hap Daus had information on the Platteville High School Scholarship fund raiser on Saturday, February 28th.

++ Tri-Star Basketball is scheduled for Sunday, March 29th from 11:30-2:00. A sign-up sheet was sent around. Please contact Duane Borgen if you would like to help with the event.

++ 52nd Arthur J. Virtue Annual Awards for the Platteville Chamber will be held on Friday, February 27th at the Velsey Commons in the Ullsvick Center. Optimists are 25 year regional Chamber members this year. Beth Frieders will be representing Optimists. Tom Nall, Fern Nall, and Doug Martin will be attending and representing Optimists as well as other organizations who are Chamber members.

++ The next upcoming Social event is scheduled for April 11th. It will be at the First English Lutheran Church and include a meal of pasty and coleslaw fixed by Gary Engelke. It will be BYO drinks.

++ Speaker on February 27th will be Matt Heer who is a physics teacher at Platteville High School. He will bring four of his students along with him. (He may also be interested in joining the Optimist group.)

Program:

Our speaker today was Dave Ross who serves as the Secretary of Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) since 2011. His department licenses more than 200 professional fields and houses nearly 70 boards and councils. Prior to taking this position, Secretary Ross served as Mayor of Superior for 8 years. He was married in 1973 to his wife, Lynn, and together they have four daughters and 15 grandchildren.

Secretary Ross broaden our idea of who his office serves which includes the largest group of nurses, cosmetologists, real estate agents, and other groups as ski lifts and mixed Marshal Arts groups. Their primary concern is safety. In a year they will receive 3,000 complaints against license holders that they must investigate.

Regulating prescription drugs to deter misuse of the drugs is their biggest job today as prescription drug abuse is a greater problem than heroin and cocaine. This affects everyone. It was interesting to hear of different ways people illegally obtain prescription drugs from their family



Dave Ross, Secretary of Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS)

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members as well as other places like garage sales. Interestingly enough people will ask to try on a garment and then rob the medicine cabinet. Real estate agents also have to warn people having an open house to hide their prescription drugs as they may be the main reason someone attends the open house. Young people are getting into their parents' and grandparents' oxycodone and selling them for \$15 a pill at the high schools for example.

Another way people obtain the drugs is by “doctor shopping” where they get the prescription from more than one doctor and get it filled at different pharmacies. Their department regulates the prescriptions given by the doctors and well as tracks the drugs given out at the pharmacy. To help alleviate these problems, information is being shared between states so people can't take the prescriptions over state lines. Twenty-six states are on board. Missouri is one of the states who refuse to set up the PDP.

Secretary Ross speaks with physicians, nurses and care givers about the increased level of pain people are being treated for today compared to several years ago. Because people indicate that their pain levels are high doctors have prescribed more Oxycodone for example and therefore it is more readily available.

Secretary Ross's talk was followed by a question and answer session. Thank you for a great presentation Secretary Ross.

Minutes taken and submitted by Fern Nall; edited for “Rooster Call” by Charlie Clark.

