

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin ~ Friday, December 30, 2016

Attendance: 23 Members – *Duane Borgen, Gary Engelke, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Joy Schewe, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier, (*7 wearing Optimist shirts)
Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Doug Martin, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Mike Olds, Becky Schambow, Bob Stephens, John Urness, Diane VanNatta.

Mystery Greeter: Doug Martin shook the hand of Bob Stephens this morning, just at the right time.

Joker Draw: Ron Weier had the winning entry, but winning the jackpot was not to be.

Business Meeting:

- ~ President Haertzen reminded members of the upcoming Holiday Party/White Elephant Gift Exchange. A sign-up sheet was circulated for anyone interested in signing up.
- ~ A reminder was given by President Haertzen on the upcoming Dime-A-Day Campaign scheduled for the month of January. He requested all members to participate if possible.
- ~ January Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 7:00 AM at PBII.
- ~ President Haertzen wished everyone an “Early and Happy New Year”

Program:

It is always a pleasure to have one of our members present at the breakfast meeting and this morning Gary Engelke introduced Dr. Elizabeth Frieders, a/k/a, Beth.

Beth shared with us her hobby of Distance Riding on Horseback. Similar to running a marathon or the Iron Man competition, Distance Riding is an event you must prepare and condition for. Her horseback riding actually started at the early age of 4. Contrary to what her father believed, that being that Beth was too small to ride, she would awaken before everyone in the mornings, dress and saunter down to the fenced area by the horses, climb the fence and, oh yes, climb onto her horse and ride, without saddle or bridle. Her interest in horses continued through high school and college. In 2013 she started to participate in trail rides, which average 15 to 20 miles. Considering National Distance Riding Competition consists of 25, 30, 35 miles, she graduated from trail rides to distance riding. Placement in the competition is based on time and horse health. Beth has placed in several competitions, receiving recognition with award items.

She currently has three horses, Mickey, who is 30 years old and retired, Fannie, age 17 and Bunny age 7. Beth has set goals to participate in the Michigan Shore to Shore Competition in 2018 and in 2019 the Rocky Mountains Tevis Cup, which involves riding over and within three mountain ranges. Beth shared pictures of all three of her horses and answered many questions from members.



Weekly Speakers:

January, 2017 Friday Morning Programs, Coordinator, Becky Schambow

January 6: Business Meeting

January 13: Terri Slapak-Fugate, R.N, Emergency Department Director at Southwest Health will share information about Sexual Assault and programs available to help victims in Southwest Wisconsin. She will provide information about the SANE program (sexual assault nurse examination) at Southwest Health.

January 20: Optimist member, Dr. Terry Beebe, has extended an invitation to visit and tour the new Family Pet Hospital and also enjoy a light breakfast. .

January 27: We will have a return visit from Ryan Weigel, VP of Dairy Procurement for Accelerated Genetics and Assistant Coach of UW-P Dairy Judging Team. A sequel to his earlier presentation, Ryan will provide us with some very interesting facts of “genetics” and the dairy industry.

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane.



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