



# Platteville Optimist Club Monthly Highlights | June 2021

**Vision Statement:** "To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"

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**2020-2021 OFFICERS:** Tom Nall, President; Howard Crofoot, Vice President; Dan Engelke; Past President; Duane Borgen, Treasurer; Alaina Reeves, Secretary

**2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Doug Martin, Leon Neuheisel, Linda Thomas, Steve Lane, Terri Ellis, Jordan Holthaus

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**PUBLISHED FOR MEMBERS ON JUNE 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021** Due to COVID-19, the Platteville Optimist Board and Members have not been able to meet in person since March 6, 2020. To continue Club business, the Board of Directors has been meeting via Zoom, with our most recent meeting held on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The following "Governing Board & Committee Updates" below were reported to the Membership at their Business Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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## GOVERNING BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

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### FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Treasurer's Report:** Financial Report dated May 31<sup>st</sup> was submitted by D. Borgen, Treasurer, and approved by the Board.
- ✓ **Notes of Appreciation Received:** Platteville Fire Department & Family Connections.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE:** Bike Rodeo was rescheduled for Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 a.m. due to weather.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:** Party in the Park is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be giving away hot dogs, ice cream & milk. Gary Engelke usually picks up the ice cream and hot dogs. Steve Lane will get in touch with him for info.

**FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:** Social Outing: *Stars of the 60s* at the Overture Center on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Charlie Clark said he would coordinate getting the tickets for all interested. L. Thomas is going to have C. Clark put an email together to send to membership.

- ✓ **June 11<sup>th</sup>:** Meeting at the Broske Center, no speaker, just catching up with everyone.
- ✓ **June 18<sup>th</sup>:** Tammy Enz, Platteville Main Street Program
- ✓ **June 25<sup>th</sup>:** Installation of New Members

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:** Approval of the following members motioned by D. Martin, seconded by L. Neuheisel: Steve Elvidge, Debra Elvidge, Lisa Schmitt, Doreen Hlavaty, Melissa Palfrey, and Debi Sigwarth.

**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:** Nothing to report.

### CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE:

- ✓ Grant County Fair: Stock Car race discussion: do we order more? Should we be open Sunday? Board decided to let the Curd Committee decide how much to order, D. Borgen suggested we wait to see how July 4<sup>th</sup> goes.
- ✓ S. Lane will take the trailer out of storage this weekend.
- ✓ Discussed giving Bill Niehaus a gift card since we've been able to store the trailer there for so many years. Board decided to give him a \$100 Chamber Gift Certificate. D. Martin motioned, seconded by L. Thomas. Motion carried; D. Borgen will get it ready.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing to report

### NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Voting on change in By-Laws on Friday with Membership.

- ✓ Re: Spouses serving on the Board: Tom will be acting ex-officio. Motion to approve made by A. Reeves, seconded by L. Thomas. Motion carried.
- ✓ New Membership packets getting prepared for 5 members.

**CONCLUSION:**

- ✓ Next Meeting: Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom – June Business Meeting
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Motion to adjourn meeting made by L. Neuheisel, seconded by L. Thomas. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

**BOARD REPORT SUBMITTED BY: ALAINA REEVES, SECRETARY**

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**JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> – VIRTUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

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**ATTENDEES:** There were 28 members & 1 FOO who attended & participated including: Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Carley Borcharding, Paul & Chris Budden, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Terri Ellis, Steve & Deb Elvidge (NEW), Dan Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine & Steve Lane, Tom & Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Melissa Palfrey (FOO-Family Advocates), Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry & Joy Schewe, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier and Wayne Wodarz.

**BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Meeting was called to order by T. Nall at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimist Creed.

**SPECIAL DATES NOTED:** Happy birthday to Ernie Thalmann on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING REPORT & COMMENTS:** T. Nall reviewed the June Board meeting summary (as listed above).

- ✓ Youth Committee Comments: Bike Rodeo: good turnout on Wednesday and lots of Boy Scouts present to help.
- ✓ Community Service Committee: Steve talked to Gary last night regarding the hotdogs and costs will be around \$150 or maybe more. Steve didn't know if Gary talked to Doug Martin.
- ✓ Membership Committee: Nothing to report.
- ✓ Cheese curd committee: Nothing to report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Regarding meeting in person: did a poll during the business meeting on who has been vaccinated. 25/25 members who voted have been vaccinated. Regarding past president acting ex-officio: K. Kamps motioned to table this until it has been discussed by the board.

**CONCLUSION:**

- ✓ Next meeting: Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at the Broske Center
  - ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom
  - ✓ Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.
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**JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> – RETURN TO MEETING IN PERSON**

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**ATTENDEES:** There were 28 members who attended this meeting including: Jim Boebel, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Paul & Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Mark Essex, Mike Hahn, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Doug Martin, Fern & Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Arnie Roper, Jerry & Joy Schewe, Lisa Schmitt, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier & Wayne Wodarz.

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Meeting was called to order by T. Nall at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

**SPECIAL DATES NOTED:** Membership Anniversaries include Terri Ellis, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke & Tim Murphy, who all joined on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✓ Upcoming Optimist Events: July 4<sup>th</sup> Cheese Curds, Party in the Park, June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- ✓ Jerry Schewe spoke on Dime a Day Pins and mentioned that D. Borgen, E. Thalmann, Joy Schewe, R. Weier, C. Clark & T. Ellis received one.
- ✓ Social outing on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>: *The Stars of the 60s* – Charlie sent an email
- ✓ Joker Draw (led by Charlie Clark)

**LETTER ACTIVITY:**

- ✓ Letter activity (created and Led by Tom Nall): each member picked up a laminated token with a letter, color, and number on it. Separated into groups based on the letter they received, and they joined to discuss the following:
  - Letter O: What was the major Obstacle you faced during the pandemic? Group response: anxiety
  - Letter P: What gave you Purpose during the pandemic? Group response: family, friends & optimism.
  - Letter T: What Terrified you during the pandemic? Group Response: the thought of losing a loved one
  - Letter I: What interest did you discover during the pandemic? Several responses
  - Letter M: What did you focus on the Most during the pandemic? Group response: knowing there was a future
  - Letter S: What gave you a Sense of beauty during the pandemic? Spouse, family, landscaping, music

**CONCLUSION:**

- ✓ Next meeting: Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Broske Center Pavilion – Tammy Enz will be presenting
- ✓ Next board meeting: Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Adjournment: D. Engelke motioned to adjourn, seconded by P. Budden. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 a.m.



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**JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>: TAMMY ENZ, PLATTEVILLE MAIN STREET PROGRAM**

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**ATTENDEES:** There were 25 members who attended including: Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Deb & Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Tammy Enz, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Doug Martin, Tim Murphy, Tom & Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Arnie Roper, Becky Schambow, Jerry & Joy Schewe, Debi Sigwarth, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, and Ron Weier.

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** Meeting was called to order by T. Nall at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

**SPECIAL DATES NOTED:** Happy birthday to Dean Feldman on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Happy Wedding Anniversary to Tom & Fern Nall on June 18<sup>th</sup>, Dan & Tammie Engelke on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and Mark & Joan Haas on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **OTHER CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ✓ Club congratulated Howard Crofoot for receiving the APWA Wisconsin Chapter William J. Rheinfrank award for his 25 years of service to the Platteville Public Works department.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ✓ July 4<sup>th</sup> Update: inside of the trailer is cleaned. Outside needs to be done and Steve will contact Tim Murphy.
- ✓ Party in the Park is July 22<sup>nd</sup> and volunteers are still needed.
- ✓ New members will be welcomed into the club on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **JOKER DRAW:**

It was fun to have the Joker Draw back again and Charlie serving as the MC. Maggie Kleisath held the lucky ticket drawn by Arnie Roper. She cut and got the Jack of Spades which was next to the 8 of Diamonds. Maggie gladly took her \$2.

### **GUEST SPEAKER: Tammy Enz with the Main Street Program (Introduced by Howard Crofoot)**

Tammy described the efforts to revitalize the downtown with the arrival of the big box stores. Since the downtown is the focal point of the community, it is important to keep the store fronts occupied and vibrant. This takes time as the Main Street Program is comprised of volunteers and a public private partnership.

The Main Street Program has components to ensure that the businesses on Main Street can flourish.

- ✓ Design which works with the building owners to ensure that they have the resources necessary to be successful. One of the ways to do this is arranging clean up days with the high school students.
- ✓ Promotion which draws people to Main Street including Activities like Music in the Park, Sweet Treats on Main, Historic Walk Down Main and Monthly Mingle.
- ✓ Vitality which draws businesses to the downtown and helps keep them there. Connect businesses with economic opportunities to apply for grants and various ways to grow their businesses.
- ✓ Organization which works with planning and economic development for Main Street.
- ✓ Sustainability has added recycling bins to City Park and the garden space by Genoa Towers.
- ✓ Sponsorship to help businesses obtain their 501(c)(3) status for grants.

Overall goal is to restore Main Street to what it looked like before. July 17<sup>th</sup> Southwest Car Club was going to display their cars on Main Street for the day.



### **CONCLUSION:**

- ✓ Next meeting: Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Broske Center Pavilion – Installation of New Members.
- ✓ Next board meeting: Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Motion to adjourn by Arnie Roper, seconded by D. Engelke.

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## **JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>: INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

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**ATTENDEES:** There were 26 members who attended including: Duane Borgen, Carley Borcharding, Paul & Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Deb & Steve Elvidge, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Tom & Fern Nall, Melissa Palfrey, Lisa Schmidt, Debi Sigwarth, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, and Ron Weier

**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:** The meeting was called to order by President T. Nall at 7:00 a.m. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed were recited.

**SPECIAL DATES NOTED:** Happy anniversary to Phil & Sandy Swift on June 26th (1977), Wayne & Julie Wodarz on June 28<sup>th</sup> (1993), Steve & Maxine Lane on June 27<sup>th</sup> (1970) and Howard & Kathy Crofoot on June 30<sup>th</sup> (1984). Membership Anniversaries include Bob Hundhausen, George Krueger & Christine Storlie, who joined on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ✓ Fourth of July Fireworks: M. Lane reported everything is ready to go for the day.
- ✓ Party in the Park: Doug Martin is overseeing arrangements. Sign-up sheet will be available next week.
- ✓ Sign-up sheets for Grant County Fair & Dairy Days will be coming out soon.
- ✓ Rosemeyer Jones Chiropractic renewed their FOO membership.
- ✓ Received Certificate of Membership for 2021 from the Platteville Regional Chamber along with information on how to redeem Positively Platteville Gift Certificates
- ✓ Received letter from the Friends of the Mining & Roll Jamison Museum concerning their campaign for the museum.
- ✓ Invitation to Ribbon Cutting for World Finance on Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- ✓ Received letter from Mark Weinsoff, International President of Optimist International congratulating our Club's successful NOW Program along with a NOW Patch for the Club Banner.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✓ Joker Draw: Terri Ellis drew the ticket & Charlie Clark won. R. Weier shuffled the cards & Charlie drew the 4 of Clubs.
- ✓ The group discussed the following topics and thought they would be good to be discussed by the board and implemented when we go back to Country Kitchen on July 9:
  - How to greet each other with the restrictions-elbow bump, fist bump, handshake, or other ways.
  - Mystery Handshake as we thought it would be fun to have an extra chance at the Joker Draw again.
  - Fine for forgetting your name tag as well as the fact we would use the honor system to add a dollar to the joker draw pot as a fine.
  - Discussion was held about the size of meals when returning to Country Kitchen. Consensus was to have the standard, large and small meals. Tom said he would check into that and the cost of the meals.

#### **INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS:**

Installation of New Members by President Nall. Members include Deb Elvidge, sponsored by Charlie Clark; Steve Elvidge sponsored by Charlie Clark; Debbie Sigwarth sponsored by Maxine Lane; Melissa Palfrey previous Friends of Optimist member; Doreen Hlavaty sponsored by Eileen McCartney; and Lisa Schmidt sponsored by Maxine Lane.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

- ✓ Next Meeting: Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Country Kitchen – July Business Meeting
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Motion to adjourn meeting made by M. Lane, Seconded by C. Budden. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.



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## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY:**

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### **JULY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:**

- ✓ **Jim Boebel** – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- ✓ **Jim Boll** – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1976
- ✓ **Carley Borcharding** – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- ✓ **Mike Hahn** – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017
- ✓ **Virgil Pufahl** – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1975

### **JULY FRIENDS OF OPTIMIST ANNIVERSARIES:**

- ✓ **Country Kitchen** – July 2015
- ✓ **Warco Transportation** – July 2015

### **JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- ✓ **Eileen & Gary Engelke** – July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1972
- ✓ **Bob Weier & Patt Moxness-Weier** – July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- ✓ **Leon (& Madge) Neuheisel** – July 11<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Arnie (& Jan) Roper** – July 26<sup>th</sup>

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- ✓ **Jim Boebel** – July 24<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Gary Engelke** – July 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ **Mark Essex** – July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ✓ **Matt Tyc** – July 17<sup>th</sup>