

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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***“To Impact the lives of youth
in a positive and encouraging manner”***

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Attendance: 33 Members – Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Penny Droessler, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Caroline Kroll, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Gary Munson, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier, Terry Wood, Tim Wood.

Guests: President Schambow acknowledged and welcomed our speaker, Sheriff Nate Dreckman and also welcomed Susan Munson, wife of Gary Munson as a guest this morning.

Member Updates:

*President Schambow circulated a card for Julie Wodarz who had major surgery on Monday. Update from Wayne indicated she is doing well.

*Ron Weier informed the members that the July 20th wedding is going as planned for brother Bob and Pat Moxness. Invites will be limited to family as the ceremony will be shortened to accommodate Bob's need for rest. Members who have visited and/or served as cheerleaders during Bob's therapy were thanked and acknowledged for the support.

Mystery Greeter: Fern Nall was greeted this morning by Ken Kamps, earning a free joker draw entry.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Happy Birthday to Ron Weier on June 19 and Wayne Wilkomm on June 20. Celebrating upcoming anniversaries, Matt and Megan Bolken on June 16, Tom and Fern Nall June 18 and on June 20 Guy and Sally Stead as well as Dan and Tammy Engelke.

Joker Draw: Eileen McCartney had her ticket drawn, settling for her \$2 by drawing the 5 of diamonds.

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

- President Schambow announced she had been informed by Howard that the Noon Club made the decision to dissolve and will be joining our morning group.
- Thank you received from Legion Park committee for our donation.
- E McCartney informed the members of a Saturday morning exercise class in City Park.

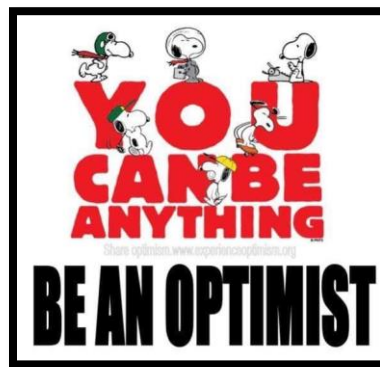
OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:

- Golf Social – June 22, email sent requesting confirmations, final count due on June 14 to PGCC
- Party in the Park – Thursday, July 25. Signup sheet will be forthcoming



Member Installation:

It was a pleasure to welcome and officially install Caroline Kroll. Caroline joined at the April NOW luncheon and is sponsored by Peggy Compton.



Program: It was a pleasure to welcome Grant County Sheriff, Nate Dreckman. Ken Kamps provided us with this opportunity by inviting Sheriff Dreckman to our meeting as a guest speaker.



Growing up in Potosi and graduating from Potosi High School, Nate attended and graduated from UW-P with a degree in Criminal Justice. An intern opportunity with Grant County, while attending UW-P, has resulted in him being with the department for 24 years and his third term as Sheriff.

Sheriff Dreckman covered several areas of interest this morning, starting with the requested topic of human trafficking. Not prevalent in our immediate geographic area; however, Sheriff Dreckman stated this is a condition that does exist. He stated human trafficking is recognized as sex trade, it could also be called slave labor, bringing individuals across the border for work, ultimately paying them very little, if at all and being placed in labor camps and living in extremely poor conditions.

Sheriff Dreckman also provided interesting information on the department and how they serve the people of Grant County and outlying areas. There are currently 60 full time staff members consisting of 30 deputies (which includes himself), 16 jailers, 9 dispatchers and 5 support people. The department also has 1 DARE officer as well as 2 canine officers. He related to the fact that there has been a significant decline in the number of people going into law enforcement which makes the job of hiring qualified individuals difficult. Sheriff Dreckman further touched on the types of equipment the department has to handle various types of incidents, covered some highlights of the new jail, spoke of the number of calls that are responded to within the department as well as the number of inmates they see. Also of interest, was the information Sheriff Dreckman shared on the drug trends and arrests. In 2018, the drug task force made 88 drug arrests with 143 drug incidents being addressed by patrol officers. Leading the type of drugs is LSD, ecstasy and meth. He stated vaping is the trend with youth, which can be fatal. Q & A followed.

Weekly Speakers: Thanks to Ken Kamps for scheduling our speakers during the month of June.

June 21: Ron Boldt will speak on the history of the fire department

June 28: Tom Goodney who is an expert witness at trials

Thanks to Karen Kurt for coordinating our July speakers.

July 5: Business Meeting

July 12: Ela Kakde, Director of Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation PAIDC

July 19: Karen Kurt, City Manager

July 26: Ashley Riniker, owner of D.I.E.T. (Do I Eat That?)

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

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