

# ROOSTER CALL

## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



*Becky Schambow, President*  
*Dan Engelke, President Elect*  
*Wayne Wodarz, Past President*  
*Tom Nall, Vice President*  
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*Pat Moxness*       *Tim Murphy*  
*Mary Sieckman*   *Ernie Thalmann*

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

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**Attendance:** 32 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Matt Melby, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz, Tim Wood, Tim Zauche

**Guests:** President Schambow introduced Jenna Phillips, our guest this morning from Farmers Market as well as our guest speaker, Matt Melby.

**Dime-a-Day Acknowledgements:** President Schambow announced that the Dime-a-Day pins were distributed at the third quarter SWIS conference and she had them for distribution to participating members this morning. She also stated that at the conference, our club was announced as having 27 participants with the next closest club having 11. Thank you to those members for supporting the Dime-a-Day program and the Optimist International Foundation.

**Mystery Greeter:** Wayne Wodarz was our mystery greeter this morning with one of our most recent members, Alaina Reeves being greeted by Wayne to win a free ticket into the joker draw.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Coming up on May 22, we were able to acknowledge President Becky Schambow this morning on her upcoming birthday. No anniversaries this morning.

**Joker Draw:** Mary Sieckman was holding the lucky ticket, drawing the ace of diamonds, winning \$2.00.

**Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:**

- Jenna Phillips from Farmers Market addressed the membership, thanking them for the donation and support of the Farmers Market. She is the new manager and is excited about the addition of new vendors, expanding the Farmers Market this year to include educational information for youth as well as other activities that will be held in the park.
- Tim Zauche informed the membership of an upcoming Golf Outing to support Family Promise, which our club donates to annually. The event will be in Lancaster and for additional information, you can contact Becky Schambow at [beckyschambow@gmail.com](mailto:beckyschambow@gmail.com) or Tim Zauche at [tim.zauche@thrivent.com](mailto:tim.zauche@thrivent.com)
- President Schambow acknowledged and congratulated Maxine on her election to SWIS District Governor Elect at the SWIS third quarter conference. She further stated we will be looking to share many or all of the responsibilities Maxine currently manages and asked for members to step forward to help.
- President Schambow informed the membership that at the third quarter SWIS conference, our oratorical candidate, Dylan Pink took first place. He will now compete at the regional contest in July. He is looking for groups to present to over the next 2 months to keep on top of his presentation skills. Dylan won a \$2,500 scholarship for his first place finish.
- President Schambow announced that the recipients of our scholarships, presented Monday evening by Maxine were Kayden Kowalski and Kacie Wagner.

## **OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:**

**Bike Rodeo:** Wayne Wodarz announced that our oratorical winner, Dylan Pink, volunteered his time to help with the bike rodeo on June 18. If anyone is available, stop by Neal Wilkins by 8:30.

**Golf Social:** Numbers are low. To go forward with this event, we need additional members to sign up.

**Recruitment:** We are still looking to fill the position of Second VP along with Board positions and the now opening for Club Secretary with Maxine taking on district responsibilities.

**Program:** We always welcome the opportunity to hear from a Friend of Optimist, and this morning Paul Budden had the pleasure of introducing Matt Melby, Melby Funeral Home, as our speaker. Matt has been in the funeral service business for over 30 years. He started his career in Iowa and moved to Richland Center in 1991, where he took up partnership with Pratt Funeral Services working there from 1996 until 2000. January, 2000 Matt and Laura purchased the Bendorf Funeral Home and in 2006 built the funeral home as we know it today on Water Street here in Platteville. Matt is very passionate about his profession and was very willing to share his interest with our members. A topic not eager to be discussed at family gatherings, Matt's presentation was very enlightening, to say the least. With certain presentations, it is difficult to capture the message to relay within this bulletin. This is one of those...



A couple things I walked away with –

- Compared to years past, there are no longer what one would refer to as ‘traditional funerals’
- Rules – there are no rules.
- The top two are preplanned by you as an individual, along with family.
- Matt stated there is much more preplanning being done today than years past. This is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give to a child. All the decisions are made in advance.
- Matt encouraged having directives in writing. This takes the second guessing out of decision making.
- Today there is about a 50/50 split between the traditional burial and cremation.
- Matt emphasized the focus should be placed on the service out of respect of the deceased and family.

Time was allowed for Q&A. Matt graciously answered questions, commented on funeral costs and ways to set aside dollars and as we all know Matt, he added his touch of humor to a less than humorous topic. Thank you Matt, for supporting our club as a Friend of Optimist and for sharing your insight with us this morning on a topic many find difficult to discuss.

**Weekly Speakers:** Thanks to Paul and Chris Budden for scheduling our May Speakers.

May 24: Jessica Munz & Keri Wedige/UW-P Continuing Education

May 31: Brooke Rowe/Box of Balloons

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

June 7: Business Meeting

June 14: Grant County Sheriff, Nate Dreckman will speak on human trafficking

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

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

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

### **A Shout Out from Peggy Compton**

**Do you need someone to work for you or your business this summer? Adam Compton is looking for summer employment. Recommended by Mom and Optimist Member, Peggy Compton!**

**Contact Adam at 608-642-2827 or [comptonAH10@uww.edu](mailto:comptonAH10@uww.edu)**