

# 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:** 33Members – Joan Bahr, Tim Bolt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Gary Munson, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

**Guests:** Our speaker, Ellen Wiegman was welcomed by President Schambow.

**Mystery Greeter:** Pat Moxness greeted Dave Jones.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Only one birthday on the agenda, Pat Moxness on January 16. However, we had an oops...Pat's birthday is February 16<sup>th</sup>. This was an oops on behalf of Maxine not President Schambow.

**Howard Crofoot Announcement:** Howard stated that some members would remember his son, Henry, as a child back in the days when he would help with cheese curds and other club projects. Howard announced that Henry has been in the army and is currently on the list to be promoted to Major. Although this promotion is confirmed, it will probably be 2020 before he is 'pinned' and receives complete recognition. Congrats were extended to Howard.

**Joker Draw:** Gary Munson drew the winning ticket, announcing we had a jetliner coming in as the number was 747. The holder was...Bob Weier, drawing the q of clubs and settling for \$2.00.

**Annual Holiday Party:** President Schambow reminded the members tonight is the night, 5:30 at the Elmo Club and reminded them of the white elephant gift exchange.

**Dubuque Fighting Saints Outing:** This will take place this Sunday with the bus leaving from the Platteville Middle School parking lot on Madison Street at 2:00 PM. W Wodarz requested members that are joining this trip to wear name badges so the youth traveling with us can easily identify us if they need assistance or have a question.

**Dime a Day:** President Schambow reminded everyone that this dime-a-day collection will take place through the end of January. She encouraged everyone to get their \$36.50, payable to OI Foundation to Jerry Schewe, Wayne Wodarz, Maxine Lane or herself.

**OI Centennial Event:** Update on events being planned:

**Promo Picture:** President Schambow shared with the members the picture of our participation on the OI Centennial Event. Optimist Members, UW-P wrestlers and Jamie Collins assisted in making this possible. President Schambow also mentioned that the picture was included in a tweet from Optimist International. SWIS District Governor, Maureen Crombie also complimented our club on a job well done.



**Program:** Joan Bahr had the pleasure of introducing our speaker, Ellen Wiegman. Originally from Virginia, Ellen moved to the midwest for college, married and eventually settled here. Prior to choosing to home school her six children, Ellen taught in a Montessori School environment. The Montessori Method of education, developed by

Maria Montessori, is a child-centered educational approach based on scientific observations of children. Montessori's method has been used for over 100 years in many parts of the world. Ellen has since been homeschooling her six children for 15 years.



Ellen covered some of the qualifying factors for home schooling, one being they report directly to the Department of Education and they are required to have 713 hours of education per year. It is also necessary for parents that home school to dedicate the hours necessary to meet the guidelines as well as continue to grow their educational background to meet changing standards.

Ellen shared the various types of homeschooling providing summaries with each, as follows:

- \*Traditional
- \*Classical
- \*Unit studies
- \*Online
- \*DVD's
- \*Literature based
- \*Unschooling

In addition to the above types of homeschooling, Ellen covered procedures for high school and preparing for college. Research is completed on curriculum as well as entrance requirements.

Ellen explained her daily routine, starting with children responsibilities in the morning, followed by the start of the educational part of the day. Ellen stated that locally there are 300 home school groups. Q & A followed.

We enjoyed this opportunity to learn more about the ongoing popularity of homeschooling.

**Weekly Speakers:** Thank you to Joan Bahr and Pat Moxness for coordinating our January speakers.

**January 18:** Gary Munson – Soil Health

**January 25:** Dr. Ray Sloan – Exploring the Wonders of Peru

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

*Friend of Youth*

