

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Vision Statement: “To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner”

2019 – 2020 Officers and Board of Directors



Officers: Dan Engelke, President – Tom Nall, Vice President – Tim Boldt, Second Vice President – Wayne Wodarz, Past President – Duane Borgen, Treasurer – Becky Schambow, Secretary

Board of Directors: Chris Budden, Steve Lane, Tim Murphy, Doug Martin, Leon Neuheisel, and Linda Thomas

Platteville Optimist – APRIL & MAY 2020 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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NOTE: Due to Covid Pandemic and “safe distancing” requirements, the Platteville Optimist Board and Members have not been able to meet in person since March 6, 2020. In an effort to continue Club business, the Board of Directors have met by Zoom’s internet application on April 28th and May 29th, 2020. This document summarizes information and decisions made at those meetings.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Financial reports for months of March, April, and May 2020 were submitted by D. Borgen, Treasurer and approved.
- **Donations Declined and/or Adjusted:** Due to the fact that some of the events we support were cancelled, some of our budgeted distributions were either declined or decreased. Those donations included: Badger Boys and Girls State returned donation; Farmers Market and CESA declined our donations; donation to College for Kids was decreased by 50% as program will be conducted on line verses at school; and donation for 2020 student to attend WI Leadership Seminar was submitted, but will be applied to postponed event to occur in June 2021.

YOUTH COMMITTEE:

- **Event Cancellations:** Club’s supported youth events that were cancelled included: SWIS district Tri-Star Essay and Oratorical contests; Fighting Saints JOI Club hockey event; and Tri-Star basketball contest.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:

- **Party in The Park Event:** Plans for our presence (hot dog/ice cream distribution) at this event are currently on hold pending City and Chamber’s final decision on whether or not to go ahead with this event.
- **Optimist Sponsored Site on PFC Trail:** Thank you to Leon Neuheisel and Tom Nall who volunteered to weed and upgrade our sponsored site on the trail.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- **Reaching out to Members:** The Committee has had to put summer event planning “on hold” for now, but we appreciate the Committee and Board members’ efforts to reach out to members to let us know they are thinking of us and want to ensure that we’re all doing okay.

MEMBERSHIP:

- **Loss of FOO Members:** We are sad to report that Tri-com and Steve's Pizza have chosen to not renew their "Friend of Optimist" memberships at this time.
- **Follow-up on Dues:** The committee is currently working with Treasurer and members' sponsors in efforts to contact members whose dues are due or overdue. It's important for us to maintain members to support our mission, but the Board anticipates we may be losing some other members due to current Covid and extenuating circumstances.

PUBLICITY / NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

- **Weekly Correspondence:** Many members have responded that they've enjoyed President Dan's weekly challenge to recite and think about the points of our Creed and how they are relative to us as Optimists. Board is looking at ways to continue to keep us engaged (see New Business).
 - **Thank You Alaina Reeves:** Appreciation is extended to Alaina Reeves (member & Financial Advisor at Edward Jones) for providing members with a market overview and question / answer session via Zoom. Consideration is being given to having her do this periodically.
- **Face Book Posts:** Thank you to Maxine Lane who posts daily uplifting posts on our Platteville Optimist Facebook Page. If you aren't following our Club's Facebook page, you are encouraged to do so.

CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE:

- **Cheese Curd Sale Events:** The Committee is anxiously awaiting decisions on whether or not the Grant County Fair and Dairy Days will take place this year, and if not, what other fundraising event alternatives might we have to ensure we raise money to support our mission in the upcoming fiscal year. If you have ideas, please feel free to contact a Board member.

BOARD MOTIONS and ACTIONS TAKEN

- **Changes to Meetings and Record Retention:** After research was conducted by contacts to Optimist International to ensure their requirements/recommendations are met, and comparing our practices to other SWIS District Club's the Board has made and approved motion to make the following changes to our practices.
 - **Board Motions & Actions:** Board will not seek a second and sequential vote of members for motions made by Board. The Board President (or VP) will however, inform members of Board motions and actions taken at the Club's Business meeting.
 - **Meeting Documentation and Retention:** As is our current practice, the Club's Secretary will continue to document / maintain minutes for our Board and Business Meetings, for a minimum of three years. It is noted that our minutes have been archived since inception of our Club, but this is not required.
 - **Weekly Rooster Call Minutes Discontinued:** Although having written and published weekly "Rooster Call" minutes is nice, it is not required. This practice will be discontinued.
 - **Business Meeting Minutes to Include Summary of Regular Meeting Activities:** A brief highlight of regular meetings with notation of speakers and topics will be included at end of "Business Meeting" minutes which will be published on our website and shared with members.
- **Elimination of Second Vice President Position:** In an effort to decrease the number of years a person commits to a presidency position (*currently a minimum of 4*), the Second VP Position is being eliminate. This decreases the number of members on the Board to five officers (*President, Vice President, Past President, Secretary and Treasurer*) and six Directors for a total of eleven Board members.
 - **Recruitment for Board Positions for Upcoming Year:** The Board is seeking members to volunteer to run for open positions to Board for upcoming fiscal year beginning 10-1-2020. Volunteers are asked to please contact President D. Engelke, VP Tom Nall, or Secretary B. Schambow if willing to run for / fill the positions of: Secretary (*Schambow will be resigning*); and / or minimum of two Director positions (*C. Budden and T. Murphy have chosen not to re-run for their positions*).
- **Bylaw Review and Update:** Board reviewed and revised Bylaws to meet new verbiage / elements required by Optimist International. Minor changes were made to optional verbiage for our Club's Bylaws to include: reference to multiple VPs; notations to dues amounts to be in line with our current dues policy; and change in annual date wherein Committee Chairs and Committee Members be named from Oct. 1st to Nov. 1st.
- **Donation to "Feed and Read" Program:** Board received a "Donation Request" from member, Barb Deis, who together with Karen Utley (School Librarian) and Platteville School Counselors have initiated a "Feed and Read" program. The program will assist families of school children in need of food and books during the period of time when schools are not able to provide / make meal deliveries .

- **Purchase of Zoom License:** After the May Board meeting, and following Secretary's research regarding acquisition of a Zoom application license, the Board corresponded via email regarding purchase of Zoom "Pro" license for purpose of holding meetings without the time limitations of B. Schambow's personal free Zoom account. A motion was made by T. Boldt, seconded by S. Lane to purchase a Zoom Pro License at a cost of \$14.95/month plus tax and motion passed.
 - **WATCH FOR UPCOMING EMAIL containing INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUB'S FIRST VIRTUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH.** (*Email information will be sent out next week*)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM BOARD

- **Optimist 2020 Scholarship Recipients:** As per our Club's Scholarship Policy/Guidelines, the Platteville High School's Scholarship Selection Committee has chosen the following students as recipients of our 2020 scholarships: Nicolas Cullen, who will be attending University of WI – Stevens Point; and Ashlyn Moon, who will be attending Coastal Carolina Community College.
- **Future of Meetings:** Much discussion has been taking place relative to the future and venues of our Club meetings. After research, it is anticipated that the Board will subscribe to a Zoom paid account to enable our Board and Committees to be able to have virtual meetings via internet Zoom program. Board is also considering this as an alternative for having regular meetings wherein members would be able to participate via electronic communication.
 - **Other Venues:** Due to current Covid restrictions, Country Kitchen is not yet able to accommodate our regular meetings. Other venues, such as meeting outdoors while safe distancing, using safe protocols are being considered. If you have meeting suggestions, please feel free to contact President Engelke or other Board member.
- **NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Scheduled to be held via Zoom on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: **Becky Schambow, Secretary**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMBERS SPECIAL DAYS

We want to apologize and recognize the anniversaries and birthdays that we've missed announcing since we last met on March 6th, as well as recognize those with special days that will occur yet this month (June). (*Please let B. Schambow know if we missed anyone.*)

APRIL MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- David Jones – 1974;
- Lynn Schlager – 1999;
- John Urness – 2002;
- Ronald Holl – 2003;
- Peggy Compton, Janelle Davis, Donna Gavin, Mary and Greg Sieckman, Linda Thomas, and Jeff White – 2017;
- Cathy Cotter and Jordan Holthaus – 2018;
- Barb Deis, Penny Droessler, Caroline Kroll, Eileen McCartney, Alaina Reeves, Jen and Jim Schweigert, Matt and Nicole Tyc, and Terry and Tim Wood – 2019;

MAY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- Arnie Roper – 1977;
- Jan Waite – 1991;
- Leon Neuheisel – 2011;

JUNE MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- Eileen Nichols – 1989;
- Terri Ellis, Eileen and Gary Engelke, and Tim Murphy – 2004;
- Members of the Platteville Area Club who transferred membership to our Club in 2019 included: Beth Balwig, Bob Hundhausen, George Krueger, Austin Polebitski, and Christine Storlie.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- Bob Hundhausen and spouse – April 1st;
- Bob Stephens and spouse – April 2nd;
- Ernie Thalmann and spouse – April 8th;
- Chris and Paul Budden – April 14th;
- Eileen Nichols and spouse – April 25th;
- Cathy Cotter and spouse – April 26th;
- Diane VanNatta – May 3rd;
- Hap Daus and spouse – May 29th;
- Linda and Rod Thomas – June 1st;
- Joy and Jerry Schewe, Mary and Greg Sieckman, and Tim Boldt and spouse – June 2nd;
- John Urness and wife – June 13th;
- Fern and Tom Nall – will celebrate their anniversary on June 18th;
- Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Guy Stead and their spouses will celebrate on June 20th;
- Mark Haus and spouse will celebrate on June 24th;
- Wayne Wodarz, and Phil Swift and their spouses – will celebrate on June 26th
- Maxine and Steve Lane will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 27th.

BIRTHDAYS missed since March 6th meeting and upcoming in June:

- Eileen McCartney - March 15th ;
- Paul Budden and Jerry Schewe – March 19th;
- Naomi Wells – March 23rd;
- Linda Thomas and Wayne Wodarz – March 24th;
- Bob Hundhausen – March 30th
- Leon Neuheisel – April 9th;
- Diane Paynter – April 10th;
- Mark Haas – April 15th;
- Dennis Helbing – April 16th;
- Chad Holstein – April 19th;
- Penny Droessler – April 23rd;
- Tom Nall – April 29th;
- Tim Murphy and Jim Olds– April 30th;
- Bob Weier – May 2nd;
- Becky Schambow – May 22nd;
- Janelle Davis – May 27th;
- Kim Skemp – June 2nd;
- Donna Gavin – June 6th;
- Ernie Thalmann – June 9th;
- Ron Weier – June 19th