

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: 32 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Gary Munson, Tim Murphy, Leon Neuheisel, Brigid Reimann, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: President Schambow welcomed our speaker, Jeff Gard as well as Brigid Reimann, a new member whom she will be installing this morning.

Mystery Greeter: President Schambow was on the receiving end of the lucky hand shake, offered by Tim Boldt!

Joker Draw: Our ‘Friend of Optimist’ Gene Weber was holding the lucky ticket this morning; however, winning was not in the plan, drawing the 4 of clubs.

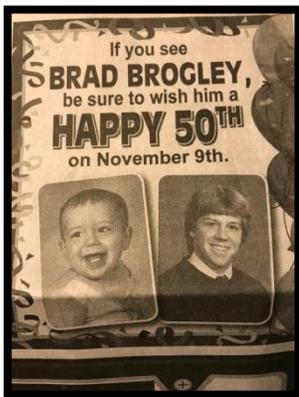
Announcements:

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

*Thank you received from Jeff Shave for the opportunity to speak to our members on the re-enactment. He stated 1800 students visited on Friday and there were 1000+ visitors over the weekend.

*Thank you received from Terry Ellis and family, thanking the club for the memorial donation. Terri also stated she enjoyed reciting the Creed with the members in closing out the visitation.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:



Happy ‘50’ Brad

Only one birthday this morning, and we found out by accident after finding this announcement in the Platteville Journal.

New Member Installation:



President Schambow had the pleasure of installing Brigid Reimann, sponsored by Ron Weier. Brigid is an Ag Teacher at PHS and joined in September

Being it the 9th of November, and knowing we reminded Doug Martin of his very special day on November 11, President Schambow again dropped a subtle reminder for Doug to remember Kathy on their special day!

Essay/Oratorical: President Schambow thanked Gary Munson for having served as coordinator for this youth activity for the past 4 years. He stated it is time to pass the baton. President Schambow announced that Maxine has offered to take on this leadership role and invited other who might be interested to volunteer to help.

Santa Calling: President Schambow provided a signup sheet for the annual Santa Calling, scheduled for December 11, 12, 13. All members are welcome and encouraged to sign up; however, she mentioned the actual thrill from hearing from Santa versus Mrs. Santa. Howard Crofoot mentioned that 2018 is the 30th year for the Optimist Club of Platteville doing the Santa Calling. Contact Becky if you can help, 608.732.8981 beckyschambow@gmail.com

Program: An annual tradition for several years, we had the pleasure of welcoming UW-Platteville Basketball Coach, Jeff Gard today. Many thanks to Maggie Kleisath for arranging to have Jeff join us.



Coach Gard opened his presentation, making mention of his two children, Hannah and Vince. He encouraged the members that if a Santa call was made to Vince, to remember to remind him to “Be Good”. It created laughter from the members and Coach Gard.

Coach Gard commented that our Optimist Creed is a lot about what their team is about. They have a strong commitment to the team, a family atmosphere and are encouraged to be upbeat and positive. To make these qualities even stronger, Coach Gard works to connect the players with other individuals who will have a constructive impact on them. It is considered to be an investment program to teach life experiences that will benefit players long into the future.

One powerful influence on players is the updated locker room. There are pictures of alumni players along with personal autographs with the year they graduated. It provides each new player the drive to be among those displayed.

Coach Gard stated the season opens next week-end and he has high expectations for the season. There are several seniors returning as well as upper classmen and a good group of freshman who are learning the difference from high school and college. Coach covered and summarized the first games on the schedule, noting every game is a challenge.

He related to the memorable year just past, Bo Ryan Court filled to capacity, buzz in the community, signs on Main Street, etc., etc. The community came together to host the team over the Christmas break, providing meals and support. It is noted throughout the conference, the support that the Pioneer Basketball team receives from the community.

Coach Gard responded to several questions, closing with a review of the starters, reassuring the members he has a good group, good transfers and is expecting a tough conference.

Weekly Speakers:

Thank you to Maggie Kleisath for coordinating our November speakers.

November 16: Erik Flesch, Director of Mining/Jamison Museums

November 23: **NO MEETING**

November 30: Maggie Kleisath, Girl Scouts

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane



*We Honor ... We Remember
We Salute*