

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

CURRENTLY MEETING 7:00 AM FRIDAYS AT COUNTRY KITCHEN, HWY 151, PLATTEVILLE, WI

Friday, August 5, 2016

Attendance: 22 Members – *Ron Weier, *Ken Kamps, *Steve Lane, *Maxine Lane, Dan Engelke, *John Urness, *Leon Neuheisel, Bob Stephens, Eileen Engelke, *Duane Borgen, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, *Barb Stockhausen, Kevin Haertzen, Becki Schambow, Diane VanNatta, Tom Nall, Fern Nall, Howard Crofoot *Charlie Clark, Gary Munson, *Maggie Kleisath, Dave Jones.

** Wore Optimist shirt.*

Mystery Greeter: Each meeting members greet each other with a handshake before the official start of our Friday morning meetings. One member is secretly designated by the president as the Mystery Greeter. With a number already determined, the mystery greeter keeps track of how many he or she has greeted, with one lucky person being the “umpteenth” (i.e. the designated number) person to shake hands with the mystery greeter. That person gets a free ticket to the Joker Draw for that morning. This morning, Leon Neuheisel shook hands with Dan just at the right time and was the recipient of a free entry into the joker draw.

Luck of the Draw: Steve Lane purchased the right ticket for Joker Draw this morning, but it was not THE ‘lucky’ ticket, as Steve cut the deck of remaining cards and got something other than the Joker. Joker draw continues to grow with the current pot at approximately \$315.00.

Business Meeting: Present and eligible for a free breakfast during August was Bob Stephens and Eileen Engelke. Those not present at this first meeting of the month who won a free breakfast sometime later this month were John Adams and Deb McWilliams.

Business Meeting (first Friday of the month; no speaker/program):

Action Item: Prior to general announcements, President Weier shared with the membership action taken by the Board to increase Board positions by one, splitting the Secretary/Treasurer position into two positions, and adding a Board Secretary. With the number of items added over the past years, the Board felt it appropriate to have a person responsible for these items of recordkeeping and separate from that of the Treasurer. Ken Kamps, currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer, will continue as Treasurer, as recently reelected to this position. President Weier stated Maxine Lane was willing to assume the position on the Board and accept responsibility for the duties. After further discussion, and no further volunteers for the position, Barb Stockhausen moved approval of the recommendation from the Board with Maxine Lane assuming the position. Motion was second by Kevin Haertzen and carried. Maxine will officially take on this position with the new fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016.

Announcements:

*The following were recognized for membership anniversaries: Mike Olds, 1994, Diane VanNatta 2004, Gary Munson, 2012, and Steve & Maggie Kleisath, 2012.

*Celebrating early August birthdays, Eileen Nickels (8/3), Maggie Kleisath (8/5) with an appropriate Happy Birthday sung by the ‘Optimist Choir’, Jim Boll (8/9) and Gary Munson (8/10).

*President Weier announced that Beth Frieders, who was not present this morning, had received gift certificates from Tom Sigwarth for those who helped spruce up the Country Kitchen Garden. Beth will be sure all who helped will receive a certificate.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Ken Kamps reported the operating account had a balance of \$1,178.20, of which some \$950 was joker draw money, previous pot of \$642.00 and the current pot at \$314.00. The youth account currently has a balance of \$9,864.62; however, this month and next month that will be distributed per our budget.

Cheese Curds: Ken Kamps gave an update on the cheese curd work schedules, stating we are in good shape. A couple places to fill; however he still had a couple people to contact and John, Gary and Steve are usually floating around to step into vacancies.

In the absence of Gary Engelke, Cheese Curd Committee Chair, Maxine reviewed the guidelines established this year for cheese curd scheduled Shift Leaders. A copy will be posted in the cheese curd trailer and one will be emailed to each shift leader. Maxine also stated within some shifts no one signed up for the Shift Leader position. In these situations, someone was placed into the shift leader spot.

Youth Activities: Doug Martin is going forward with the raffle, to start October 31. We will sell 400 tickets at \$25.00/ticket, for a total of \$10,000 to be raised. Five thousand will be paid out in prize money and \$5,000 to meet our commitment to the Library Fund.

Community Service: Eileen Engelke stated our 'stuff the bus' is currently in process. Maxine circulated an email with a list of items and requested items and/or cash be donated on, if not before, Fri., Aug. 12.

Miscellaneous:

PCA Social: President Weier stated a social is planned for August 23. He had received a request from PCA for a free, one year, membership to the Optimist as the PCA will also be giving a free, one year, membership. He stated it had been discussed at the Board meeting and a container will be available at the social to put their name in should they be interested in the membership for the Optimist. A comment from a Board member indicated this had been voted down at the Board meeting. President Weier did not recall this and stated that PCA already had the offer printed in their material. Leon Neuheisel motioned to approve the offering of a free membership, seconded by Diane VanNatta. Motion carried by a voice vote, with several members voting against.

UWP/Chamber Welcome Weekend 9/3-9/6: In addition to welcome bags for students, Tom Nall stated there were also welcome bags for staff and faculty. President Weier asked if Tom would look into this as it would be a great opportunity for us to insert our brochures into these welcome bags for the new staff/faculty (not the bags for the students) with the hopes of attracting new Optimist members.

Installation Banquet: President Weier stated the banquet is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 at Benvenuto's Italian Restaurant, 5:15 social, 6:00 dinner, and 7:00 program. Approximate cost for member and spouse/guest is \$10.00.

Shirt Orders: Maxine stated she has had a excellent response from members wanting to order T-shirts. Orders must be placed on or before noon on Monday, allowing us to have the shirts by Grant County Fair.

Upcoming Speakers:

August 12 - Dan Blumm, majoring in Reclamation at UW-Platteville and holding an internship position with the Platteville Community Arboretum, will speak about his internship experience as well as explain what is involved in reclamation efforts.

August 19 - Taylor Sobota, Director of the Coordinated Services Team Initiative (CST) of Grant County, will explain how this initiative/project is designed to develop a comprehensive, individualized system of care for children with complex behavioral health needs. Her presentation should make us more aware of this important program servicing the needs of children here in the Platteville area.

August 26 - Jeff Gard, UWP Basketball Head Coach, will give us a peak at the upcoming UWP basketball season and “may have a few surprises to tell us.”

Minutes taken and submitted by Maxine Lane; edited for “Rooster Call” by Charlie Clark.

