

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin - Business Meeting – August 17 2018

Attendance: 30 Members –Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Pat Moxness, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Hannah Rewey, Joy Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: n/a

Mystery Greeter: Mike Hahn was the member to shake hands with this morning and just at the right time, Leon Neuheisel was there!

Joker Draw: Maggie Kleisath had the lucky number. It would have been great to see her win as she was also celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary. However, drawing the 6 of hearts, ended the excitement.

Sippy Cup Award: A morning without an accident!

Announcements:

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements: n/a

Birthdays/Anniversaries: No birthdays; however we had 4 anniversaries. Steve & Maggie Kleisath, 8/17 celebrating 50 years; Jim Olds 8/18, Anne Klawiter 8/20, Virgil Pufahl, 8/22.

Stuff the Bus: The pot was passed, accepting donations for the purchase of school supplies. A respectable sum of money was collected last Friday and this morning that will be used to purchase school supplies. Thank you to the members who donated for their generosity in giving to this annual collection.

Grant County Fair – August 15 – 19. Updates on the first two days, from Gary Engelke, Wednesday evening was good, steady and would suggest a second shift (7-9 or 10) next year.

A report from Fern, as Crew Chief on Thursday, was a bit soggy. Scheduled to open at 4:00, 5 minutes prior to opening the crew was standing inside the trailer or under the tent while it was an absolute downpour! The forecast did not show improvement so both shifts on Thursday were cancelled. Pictures are worth a 1000 words, and Fern provide the picture of her wet, loyal, committed crew!

Dairy Days: - Schedule circulated.

Dairy Days Parade: Terri Ellis updated on the band practice and indicated it would be nice to have more members participate

Football Craze – 9 tickets out of 100 remain, would like to sell, good fundraiser for our club.



Maxine on Membership: As SWIS District Committee Chair of Membership and Club Fitness, Maxine shared district membership. She stated that of the 55 clubs within the SWIS District, our club is the only club with double digit growth this Optimist year. She also identified the club locations within Zone 6.

The next bit of information was not as exciting. Our club, prior to September 30, will decrease by 3 members. With this being our 50th Anniversary, it would be wonderful if we could once again receive Distinguished Status, which would be back to back recognition for a first time in the history of the club. Maxine encouraged members to reach out to friends, neighbors, etc. in an effort to recover the 3 members that we are losing.

The final mention by Maxine was that Tom Jonas will come to Platteville for our Dairy Day Parade, allowing us to have 5 Charter Members riding in the golf Cart. Tom will join us on Friday, September 7 for our breakfast meeting.

Program: Thanks to Joy & Jerry Schewe for arranging our presentation this morning from Rose Cutting, Aiming for Acceptance. The following is a summary; I only wish I would have had a recording of this presentation. It was touching and everyone related to her story. visit www.aimingforacceptance.com



We took a journey with Rose this morning, starting when her oldest son, Asa, was 18 months old and it was suggested to her and her husband, that Asa did not seem to play right. How does one determine right and/or wrong playing for an 18 month old? Over time, other characteristics seemed to surface and at the age of 4, Asa was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum (ASD) and Sensory Processing Disorders (SPD). Asa is now 13 years of age. Rose and her husband followed through with professional help in learning what to expect, how to help and what the future held. All they heard was everything Asa would not be able to do, again, and again, and again. Needless to say, this left them devastated; however, not giving up.

In January of 2012, a lonely birthday party planted the seed of thought in a family friend. Watching the struggles and successes of Asa a friend's gears were turning. One conversation led to another and another. People wanted to be a part of something inspiring and helpful to the community. **Aiming for Acceptance** (A4A) was born. In 2016, families with autistic loved ones were struggling as life enhancing therapy services were dwindling leaving the only resource being the local school districts. The project's focus was to aid in providing these services locally therefore lifting a stress from those families. **Aiming for Acceptance** opened The Learning Center building in 2017.

In Wisconsin's rural communities, children with Autism and Sensory Processing Disorders and their families too often have no access to support services or information, other than what they can find online. The mission of Aiming for Acceptance is to meet the needs of individuals affected by autism in Grant County and southwest Wisconsin. [608-822-3015](tel:608-822-3015). The Learning Center in Fennimore WI serves as a local hub for the provision of autism therapies and training. Those benefiting from these services could be your family, friends or neighbors. Their goal is to increase acceptance of the Autism community while educating and empowering families and people within the community. They strive to make communities in southwest Wisconsin strong, healthy and happy communities.

Weekly Speakers: Thank you to Jerry & Joy Schewe for coordinating our August speakers.

August 24 – Jeff Schave, Platteville Historic Re-enactment

August 31 – Mike Foley, the state of High School Athletics

Thank you to Peggy Compton for coordinating our September speakers.

September 14:

Lori Berget 4-H Youth Development Educator, Lafayette County UW-Ext-Area *Youth Risk Behavior Survey*

September 21: Brodie Dockendorf, Operations Mgr., Quilt Block Wind Farm-*Wind 101 (Overview of Windfarms)*

September 28:

Sydney Soderbeck, Biology Senior, UWP - Jeff Jackson, Stewardship Specialist, Southwest Badger RC&D
Developing leadership through an Aquatic Invasive Species Internship

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call Bulletin by Maxine Lane