

# ROOSTER CALL



## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

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**Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin - Business Meeting – September 1, 2017**

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

**Attendance:** 32 Members – Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Laura Brown Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

**Special Announcements:**

\*President Haertzen had the pleasure of acknowledging three members this morning, presenting them with OI Pins representing the number of new members they have recruited since joining Platteville Optimist. Paul Budden was recognized with recruiting his first new member, being his wife, Chris, who we are delighted to have a new members. Jerry Schewe was recognized as having brought in ten new members to our club and Maxine Lane, was recognized for recruiting fifteen new members.

\*President Haertzen also announced that the regular collection for the Platteville Food Pantry was being redirected this morning. He called on Maxine Lane, who explained OI Executive Director Benny Ellerbe had sent out an email, stating that OI was reaching out to Optimist Clubs as a fund raiser for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. All proceeds will be used for relief and recovery efforts in Texas and Louisiana. The ‘sharing because we care’ bucket was circulated, with some \$390.00 dollars collected. An email will be sent to all members, allowing those not at the meeting to share in this humanitarian effort. K Kamps will issue a check on behalf of members next Friday for the total amount collected.

\*President Haertzen acknowledged and thanked Charlie Clark for stepping up to serve as a Director, filling the 1 year remaining in Becky Schambow’s two year term.

**Mystery Greeter:** Ron Weier greeted Maggie Kleisath, who as we will see was holding the lucky ticket.

**Monthly Breakfast Draw:** The following are eligible for a FREE breakfast during September:  
Present: Becky Schambow and Howard Crofoot. Not present: Donna Gavin and Janelle Davis.

**Joker Draw:** Covering for our ‘regular Friday morning ‘Joker’, Charlie Clark, Gary Engelke handled the task this morning. Maggie was holding the lucky ticket; however, winning was not to be.

**Announcements:**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Celebrating birthdays: Deb McWilliams (9/4), Arnie Roper (9/5), Chris Budden (9/7). Anniversaries: Deb McWilliams (9/4).

**Years of membership:** It is always a pleasure to recognize members and our Friends of Optimist celebrating years of service to our club. Kim Skemp (1982)/35 years, Wayne Wodarz (1987)/30 years, Jerry Schewe (1992)/25 years, Charlie Clark (2002), John Adams (2003), Chad Holstein (2016) Niehaus Plumbing & Heating (2015) FOO, QueenB Radio (2016) FOO, Heiser Hardware (2016) FOO.

**Unexpected Entertainment:** Anticipating our upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Ken Kamps gave a demonstration of a Bag Pipe Band that he is recommending we enter into the 2018 Dairy Day Parade. 100% of the members were in favor of the idea. We even have a ‘Band Director’, Terri Ellis, who eagerly volunteered her support.

## **BUSINESS MEETING:**

### **Finance/Administrative:**

**Financial Report:** Information was provided by Treasurer, Ken Kamps, updating the members on the balance in both the internal and youth account(s). Approval was recommended on behalf of the Board. After discussion, motion was seconded by Leon Neuheisel. Carried.

### **Donation Request:**

\*Iowa County Cancer Coalition – lacks the child initiative so declined. Information provided to members should they choose to donate individually.

**Youth Activities:** Flick and Float is scheduled for August did not occur. Funds still paid over to rec department for other youth activities.

**Community Service:** see earlier discussion regarding Food Pantry/OI Fundraiser for Texas-Louisiana

**Fellowship/Weekly Programs:** \*See speaker listing below for September

\*Pizza party scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 at Steve's Pizza, 5:15 social, 6:00 Pizza

\*Annual Installation/Awards Banquet planned for Sunday, September 24, to be held at PGCC. Invitation has been sent and reservations are coming into Becky Schambow.

**Membership:** \*Membership stands at 96; however, we have currently lost 3 members, bringing our number to 93. There is still time to reach our goal of 100.

**Publicity/Newsletter:** Maxine Lane stated followers continue to grow, and would grow even more so if more of our members would 'like' our Platteville Optimist Page. This will be dropped as an agenda item and we have exhausted our efforts to encourage members to like the page and spread the word about our club.

### **Cheese Curds:**

\*Bob Weier stated that going forward a crew will be assigned to the cleanup and storage of the trailer.

\*The price for water was discussed at Board, with the recommendation to increase from \$1 to \$2 since other vendors charge \$2. It was explained that we pay .10/bottle and they are smaller bottles than other vendors. Further discussion resulted in a vote of the members with the majority voting to remain at \$1.00.

\*Discussion was held on whether to continue another year with the Potosi Brew Fest. If we do, additional help is necessary. Our gross this year was \$1,780, 130 lbs of curd was sold, \$300 was paid to the Potosi Brew Fest and less other expenses our net was \$1,025.00. There were members in favor of continuing with Potosi and other who felt it was not worth the extra work. This was tabled until next year and will be further discussed. It was agreed that we do not feel it necessary to pay a portion of the proceeds to Potosi when we ourselves are a non-profit organization supporting youth 100%.

\*Issues with cheese curd batter were also discussed. A 'cheat sheet' will be drafted to address issues.

**Old Business:** \*National Mississippi River Museum Program presentations are being scheduled.

**New Business:** \*SWIS District Conference, October 25-26 Barneveld, WI Deer Valley Lodge under the direction of Governor, Gary Engelke.

**Weekly Speakers:** Thank you Charlie Clark & Wayne Wodarz for coordinating our speakers for September!!

**September 8 – Al Sulzer, Money and Politics**

**September 15 – Kathy Kopp, Living Local and Loving It**

**September 22 – TBA**

**September 29 – Jim Kondrasuk, Optimist International President**

**(Choosing Your Successor and Leaving a Legacy)**



Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call Bulletin by Maxine Lane