



Platteville Optimist Club Monthly Highlights | November 2021

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

2021-2022 OFFICERS: Howard Crofoot, President; Melissa Palfrey, Vice President; Tom Nall, Past President; Duane Borgen, Treasurer; Fern Nall, Secretary

2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Terri Ellis, Jordan Holthaus, Steve Lane, Leon Neuheisel, Joan Bahr, and Alaina Reeves

PUBLISHED FOR MEMBERS ON November 30, 2021 Due to COVID-19 the Board of Directors has been meeting via Zoom, with our most recent meeting held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The following "Governing Board & Committee Updates" below were reported to the Membership at their Business Meeting on Friday, November 5, 2021.

GOVERNING BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES FROM MEETING

CARE AND CONCERN FOR BOARD MEMBERS:

- ✓ H. Crofoot gave J. Bahr the floor to announce the status of her health issues and that she will remain as active as she can and keep the board posted on her ability to serve on the board.
- ✓ Best wishes were extended to her by board members.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ✓ Treasurer's Report dated 10.31.21 was submitted by D. Borgen, Treasurer.
- ✓ Terri Ellis moved to approve the report, seconded by J. Bahr. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

- ✓ Vice President, M. Palfrey, will be leading the November 5th board meeting.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**
 - ✓ **Dues Requests:** D. Borgen reported that 62 dues requests were sent out, 54 paid, 7 did not renew, and 1 needed to pay.
 - ✓ **Donation Requests paid in October:** Duane indicated that the OI and SWIS District dues as well as the October Donation Requests to Family Promise, Platteville High School, Boy Scouts, and Girl Scouts were paid.
 - ✓ **Financial Review:** D. Borgen reminded the board that a financial review needs to be completed by December 31, 2021.

YOUTH COMMITTEE:

- ✓ H. Crofoot indicated that he was contacted by someone from Farm & Fleet about Toys for Tots. This program is taken care of as part of the Holiday Project now. D Borgen indicated that the Holiday Project in on our Donation Request list to be distributed in November.
- ✓ **Essay Contest:** Needs to be conducted by February 28th, 2022. Howard asked for volunteers to organize and lead the contest.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:

- ✓ H. Crofoot indicated that he talked with Kathy Kopp about the Kiwanis planning an event to honor their 100th anniversary. Originally it was thought we might work this as a community event as suggested by OI. Kiwanis Club is planning to hold their celebration during the Hometown week. After discussion of the various events that week, board decided to discuss this later.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- ✓ **Speakers – November – Kevin Hartzen Coordinator for November**
 - November 5 Friday Business Meeting
 - November 12 Wayne Wodwarz, Chamber Updates for the Holiday Season
 - November 19 Greg Gard, UW Platteville who coaches the University of Wisconsin Platteville Men's Basketball, will give us an update on the status of the team
 - November 26 No Meeting-Thanksgiving

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Nothing to Report

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:

- ✓ Alaina reported that work has been done on the website and it is user friendly. It will be updated on a regular basis.

CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE:

- ✓ J. Holthaus reported that the trailer had been winterized and is stored for the winter. Things that were done included pulled up the carpet and replaced it with non-slip rubber mats, reorganized it for efficiency, looking into a fan for the top roof window, new filters, getting new signs to indicate where to pick up orders, lighting for the canopy at night.
- ✓ Jordan thanked the people who had helped prepare the trailer for the winter.
- ✓ The committee plans to meet in February to organize for next year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ **Santa Calling:** H. Crofoot supervises the Santa Calling program. His assistant, D. Sigwarth, is updating the paperwork for the school districts and the schedule to be internet friendly and easier to distribute.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ **Donation Requests Paid:** D. Borgen asked the board to approve the 2021-2022 Donation Request Schedule for the year rather than him having the board approve the donation requests each month. He will pay the requests each month as listed on the schedule. Motion to approve by J. Bahr, second by T. Ellis, motion carried.
- ✓ **2021-2022 Committee Members:** H. Crofoot indicated that this list of committees needed to be updated. During discussion the board noted changes that they saw immediately on the document. Further work will be done to reactive the committees for this year.
- ✓ **Anonymous Donation:** H. Crofoot was approached by a club member who wished to make an anonymous donation of \$400 if matched by the club to support the Rollo Jamison Museum's effort to repair/rehab a train car for a cost of \$800/each. D. Borgen indicated that we could take the \$400 out of the Internal Account as it is strong with the understanding that the club would receive some marketing benefit for the donation.
Approval: Motion to approve was made by the board.
 Motion to approve by the Club was made by Hap Daus. Motion was approved by the club.

- ✓ **CONCLUSION:**

- ✓ Next Business Meeting is Friday, November 5th at 7:00 a.m. at Country Kitchen Meeting will be led by Vice President Melissa Palfrey.
- ✓ Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Motion to adjourn made by A. Reeves, seconded by T. Ellis. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ✓ Today's Agenda
- ✓ October Board Minutes
- ✓ Financial Documents
- ✓ Donation Requests Paid Schedule
- ✓ 2020-2021 Committee Members
- ✓ Updated 2021-2022 Projects List

Board report submitted by Fern Nall, secretary

NOVEMBER 5, 2021 – BUSINESS MEETING

ATTENDEES: There were 21 members in attendance including: Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Hap Daus, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Melissa Palfrey, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz.

BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Melissa Palfrey at 7:00 a, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Optimist Creed.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED: There were no Member Birthdays, Member Anniversaries, or Membership Anniversaries to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✓ *Caring Concerns for Club Members:*
 - *Cards were signed and sent to Eileen and Gary Engelke and Maxine and Steve Lane as Pierce Delger passed away. Eileen and Gary are Pierce's grandparents while Maxine and Steve are his Great Aunt and Uncle.*
 - *Card and sympathies were extended to Tim Murphy as his mother-on-law passed away.*
 - *Joan Bahr announced to the board that she is beginning to deal with her health issues. She will remain a member of the club, but with determine her participation on the board soon.*
 - *Cards were signed and sent to the above members during the meeting.*

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ *Mystery Greeter: Hap Daus greeted Paul Budden.*
- ✓ *Joker Draw led by Charlie Clark: Bob Hundhausen held the winning ticket and drew the 10 of spades.*
- ✓ *Free Breakfast Drawing: Present winners were Jerry Schewe and Ken Kamps. Absent winners were Rod Thomas and Greg Sieckman*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND COMMITTEE UPDATES: Vice President M. Palfrey reviewed the Board and Committee updates from the Board's November 2nd meeting as noted above. Members approved Board's motions as follows.

- ✓ *Approved the Treasurer's report: M. Palfrey reported the information from the Treasurer's report ending 10.31.21 which had been approved at the board meeting.
Motion was made and carried by the board. Motion from the club for approval made by T. Nall. Motion Carried.*
- ✓ *Anonymous Donation: Club member had contacted Howard about making an anonymous donation to support the Rollo Jamison Museum's effort to restore the train cars at a cost of \$800 per car. The member offered to donate \$400 toward the project if the club would provide \$400 to complete the work on a car.
Motion was made and approved by the board. Motion by club made by ken Kamps. Motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ *Next Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 am via Zoon*
- ✓ *Meeting adjourned at 7:50 am.*

Minutes submitted by Fern Nall, Secretary

NOVEMBER 12, 2021: Wayne Wodarz

ATTENDEES: There were 29 members including: Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Terri Ellis, Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Mark Essex, Mike Hahn, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Eileen McCartney, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Melissa Palfrey, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by H. Crofoot at 7:04 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED:

- ✓ Veteran's Day was the 11th. Howard honored the veterans in attendance at the meeting.
- ✓ Happy Birthday to Mike Olds and George Byykkonen on November 18th.
- ✓ Happy Membership Anniversary Joy Schewe November 16th, 2015.

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Mystery Greeter: Ron Weier greeted Paul Budden.
It was announced that P. Budden was presented with the Distinguished Citizen Metal of Honor by the DAR at the Veterans' Day celebration.
- ✓ Joker Draw (led by C. Clark): Carley Borcharding drew Paul Budden's ticket (may have been his Mystery Greeter Ticket). Paul drew the 5 of diamonds.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

GUEST SPEAKER: Wayne Wodarz, Executive Director of the Platteville Chamber of Commerce

Wayne thanked the club for the opportunity to talk to us. His presentation included updates on tourism, the community, and holiday events being planned for December by the Chamber. Tourism suffered in 2020, with a drop in people passing through the visitor center. This year the Chamber is seeing an increase of about 40% or about 10,000 people. The chamber received a \$29,000 stimulus grant for 2021 which they used to update the billboard by H & R Block with new lighting and print advertising. Hotel tax is up with the 3rd quarter being the best in 8 years. The partnership between the Platteville City Council and the Chamber is great. The Chamber was pleased to receive an award from Governor Evers of \$82,572.80. Plans are to use these funds to boost tourism for 2022, work on changing the short staff situation at the Chamber, sand and stain the building and add permanent recycling stations to the grounds. The 2021 Holiday events are being finalized and information on the events can be found on Holiday events link on the Chamber website. They include decorating local businesses, carriage rides on Friday nights in December, a house decorating contest, and caroling down Main Street.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ No meeting on Friday, November 26th because of Thanksgiving
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 30th at 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.
- ✓ Adjournment: 7:57 am

Minutes were recorded by Fern Nall, Secretary

NOVEMBER 19th, 2021: UWP MEN'S BASKETBALL COACH, JEFF GARD

ATTENDEES: There were 29 members and 1 guest who attended and participated in today's meeting including: Jim Boebel, Tim Boldt, Carley Borchering, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Deb Elvidge, Steve Elvidge, Dan Engelke, Mark Essex, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz, and Jeff Gard, our speaker for the day

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: Meeting was called to order by H. Crofoot at 7:00 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Optimist Creed.

SPECIAL DATES NOTED:

- ✓ Happy Birthday to Doreen Hlavaty (November 19th), Joy Schewe (November 24th), Linda Foht (November 25th), and Mary Sieckman (November 25th)
- ✓ Happy Member Wedding Anniversary to Barb & Tim Deis (November 20th)
- ✓ Membership Anniversary was Dan Engelke November 19th
- ✓ Friends of Optimist Membership Anniversary this month Bel-Aire November 25, 2018

MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- ✓ Mystery Greeter was Doreen Hlavaty who greeted Mark Essex.
- ✓ Joker Draw (led by Charlie Clark): Jerry Schewe drew Charlie Clark's winning ticket. Charlie cut to find the 10 of Hearts.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Reminder to have the board photos sent to Fern by the end of the day.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ✓ Santa Calling Signup sheet was passed around.
- ✓ Signup sheet for 2021 Speaker Coordinators was passed around.
- ✓ December Speakers- Kevin Hartzon is coordinator for December.
 - December 3 Business meeting
 - December 10 Les Hollingsworth, Director of UWP College of Business will talk about the business college, students of the college of business and programs in the college of business
 - December 17 Dr Michael Black, Associate Professor of statistics, will talk about Data Science and Probability
 - December 24 No Meeting
 - December 31 NO Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER: UW Platteville Men's Basketball Coach, Jeff Gard.

Doug Martin introduced Coach Jeff Gard. Coach Gard presented a good overview of this year's team. He emphasized that his philosophy to their continued success is to stay focused on the central scoreboard and find things that they need to pay attention to each week. He is proud of the team both on and off the floor. They are student athletes and had a team GPA of 3.15 last year.

This year they were able to begin some of the community activities they enjoyed before covid. They serve at the Highland Food Pantry, where Jeff's mother works. The team also enjoys getting back into the Reading with Pioneers Program where the players go to classrooms and read to elementary students. They enjoy the interaction with the students as well as the expression on the students faces when they enter the classroom.

Coach Gard touched on how Zoom and Covid have affected the recruiting process which has included both positive and negative effects. He talked about how the Covid pandemic NCAA rules increased playing time for last year's seniors by giving them an extra year to play and how it has affected the team. The new younger players needed to learn how to believe in themselves earlier when competing with more experienced senior players.

When asked about support for himself, he said that he has an excellent coaching staff to support him. Each of them could move on to a higher-level position, but like himself, stay because of the support they receive from the Platteville community on and off the floor. The attendance at the games by the community is outstanding and encourages the team to play well during each game. In addition, each year between semesters, members of the community enjoy hosting the team for evening meals which builds a real strong community relationship for the players. He thanks our Club and the community for our continued support.

CONCLUSION:

- ✓ **No Meeting Next Week because of Thanksgiving.**
- ✓ Next meeting: Business meeting, Friday, December 3rd at 7am at Country Kitchen
- ✓ Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 30th at 7am via Zoom
- ✓ Meeting adjourned at 7.58 am

Minutes were recorded by Fern Nall, Secretary

NOVEMBER 26TH, 2021: NO MEETING- THANKSGIVING

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS IN DECEMBER:

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- ✓ **Virgil Pufahl** - December 1
- ✓ **Priscilla Hahn** – December 4
- ✓ **Howard Crofoot** – December 16
- ✓ **Kevin Hartzen** – December 16
- ✓ **Eileen Engelke** – December 19
- ✓ **Phil Swift** – December 23
- ✓ **Anne Klawiter** - December 27

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- ✓ **Duane & Amy Borgen** – December 17
- ✓ **Barb & Tim Deis** – December 20
- ✓ **Mike & Priscilla Hahn** – December 27

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- ✓ **Kathy Kopp** – December 9, 1993
- ✓ **Tim Boldt** – December 10, 2012
- ✓ **Becky Schambow** – December 12, 2014
- ✓ **Beth Frieders** – December 13, 2006
- ✓ **Bob Weier** – December 14, 2012
- ✓ **Tom Nall** – December 19, 2000

DECEMBER FRIENDS OF OPTIMIST ANNIVERSARIES:

- ✓ **Busch Insurance** – December 15, 2015