

# ROOSTER CALL



## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



*Becky Schambow, President*  
*Dan Engelke, President Elect*  
*Wayne Wodarz, Past President*  
*Tom Nall, Vice President*  
*Duane Borgen, Treasurer*  
*Maxine Lane, Secretary*

#### Directors

*Tim Boldt*                      *Chris Budden*  
*Pat Moxness*                *Tim Murphy*  
*Mary Sieckman*          *Ernie Thalmann*

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

### **Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin –March 1, 2019 Business Meeting**

**Attendance:** 23 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Mark Haas, Kevin Haertzen, Dennis Helbing, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Leon Neuheisel, Virgil Pufahl, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier.

**Update on Bob Weier:** Ron Weier gave the membership an update on his brother and our beloved member, Bob Weier. Bob has been in Fairview Southdale Hospital Edina MN since February 11, 2019 following a stroke. Ron reported that Bob is being transferred over the weekend to Orchard Manor in Lancaster for continued care and therapy. He cautioned members on visiting Bob until he becomes stronger. He will continue to update the membership and let everyone know when short visits are welcome.

**Mystery Greeter:** Dennis Helbing was in charge of greeting members today and it was “The Legend”, Bob Stephens who shook hands just at the right time.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** One birthday to report with this issue, John Urness on March 5. No anniversaries.



#### ***Membership Anniversaries***

*Tom Jonas-1972, Duane Borgen (L)-1980, Phil Swift (L)-1981,  
Hap Daus-1988, George Byykkonen & Dean Feldman-1992  
Howard Crofoot-1997, Bill VanDeest-2001,  
Doug Martin-2005, Ron Weier-2009, Fern Nall-2011,  
Kevin Haertzen-2013, Guy Stead-2016*

**Monthly Breakfast Draw:** The following are eligible for a FREE breakfast during March  
Present: Dennis Helbing and Duane Borgen. Not present: Naomi Wells and Kim Skemp

**Joker Draw:** Maxine Lane was holding the lucky ticket when announced, drawing the six of spades.

## **BUSINESS MEETING:**

**Finance/Administrative:** Duane Borgen, Chair, B Schambow, E Engelke, D Engelke

**Treasurer's Report:** D Borgen provided the membership with the balance(s) for both the internal and youth account. Board recommended approval. Second by H Daus. Carried.

**Donation Requests:** President Schambow explained we have implemented our donation request forms and the program seems to be working. The Board had further discussed whether donations would be forwarded if a completed request form was not received. President Schambow stated it was unanimous by the Board that, to more closely monitor the use of donated funds, we need to have the form returned prior to forwarding checks. Prior to the start of the new Optimist year, donation requests forms will be forwarded to assist in 19-20 budget.

**Audit:** President Schambow stated the audit was scheduled for completion on or before March 31, 2019.

**Scholarship Policy:** Originally drafted in 2015, we have a need to update since we increased the number of scholarships to be awarded. Discussion focused on the dollar amount of scholarships, criteria for awarding, payout, etc., etc. President Schambow will meet with PHS Scholarship personnel to better determine needs and what other organizations are doing.

**SOP:** To be completed on or before April 1, 2019

**Youth Activities:** D Engelke, Chair, W Wodarz, T Boldt, G Sieckman

**Tri-Star Basketball:** Scheduled for March 23 from noon – 2 PM; information has been sent out to schools. A signup sheet for volunteers was circulated.

**Essay/Oratorical:** M Lane reported that for the oratorical contest, Dylan Pink will represent our club at the zone contest and was awarded a \$150 check and Leah Mergen will represent the Platteville Area Optimists, also receiving a \$150.00 check. Essay contest winners were Camryn Lindell, first place recipient of \$150 and representing Platteville Optimist and Skylar Stone, first place winner of \$150 and representing Platteville Area Optimist. Two second place winners, each representing one of the clubs were Nicholas Burkard and Shaena Prestegard, both receiving \$50 checks.

**Youth Golf:** Committee has tabled discussion until a future date.

**SOP:** In process

**Community Service:** E Thalmann, Chair, H Crofoot, G Engelke, S Lane

**Platteville Food Pantry:** Ernie is planning to contact the food pantry representative to become more familiar with what the need is and if there are peak times when additional supplies are necessary.

**SOP:** Drafted with need for finalizing.

**Fellowship/Weekly Programs:** P Moxness, Chair, F Nall, L Thomas, B Weier, P Compton, J Bahr

**Weekly Speakers:** Included below

**Golf Outing Social:** Information share, waiting for responses from members.

**SOP:** Work in process

**Membership:** T Nall, C Budden, Co-Chairs, C Borcharding, C Clark, E Engelke

**Spring Luncheon:** Saturday, April 13 has been reserved for our NOW event. Form for potential guest(s) was shared with members, requesting up to 3 names who could be invited to the luncheon. Member should make contact with guest, which will be followed up by a formal invitation from the committee.

**Tri-Star Event:** Table will be setup to share information and promote our club with parents attending this event.

**New Member Orientation Handbook:** Committee is working at drafting a manual.

**SOP:** Working on draft

**Publicity/Newsletter:** M Lane, Chair, M Kleisath, P Hahn, M Sieckman, C Budden

**SOP:** Completed. Needs to be converted to final format.

**Cheese Curds:** K Haertzen, Chair, T Murphy, S Lane, G Engelke, J Holthaus, B Weier, M Haas  
Mark Haas has been added to the committee.

**SOP:** Pending review/completion by committee

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**SWIS District Conference:** President Schambow shared with the membership the awards that were received by our club and club members at the second quarter SWIS Conference on February 15/16 in Sun Prairie. Perhaps the most outstanding was for a second consecutive year Optimist Club of Platteville was recognized not only as an Honor Club but also a Distinguished Club. It was noted out of 54 clubs within the SWIS District, we were the only club recognized as Distinguished. Other awards were:

G Engelke – Receiving his Governor Green Jacket;

M Lane – Distinguished Lt. Governor SWIS District;

W Wodarz – Watch for President of Distinguished Club

Watch for Distinguished Club Treasurer

D Borgen – SWIS District Treasurer's Award

M Lane – Henry Steiner Award

P Compton – Pin for recruiting first new member

\$25 for our youth account for having the largest member representation at the conference

Patches for unrestricted funds donated to OI Foundation and donations/member

**\*Maxine's Announcement:** President Schambow elaborated on our need to replace Maxine as she transitions into her role as Gov. Elect, noting that we may need to fill the position with one or more people.

**\*New Administrative Team:** President Schambow noted that anyone interested in being named "Second VP" or serving on the Board should let her or another board member know as we'll be looking to name those people starting in the spring.

**\*Correspondence from SWIS District:**

- President Schambow told the group about the "All Inclusive Outing at Miller Park" scheduled for Friday, May 24th. She noted the cost would be \$50/person, and we'd join other clubs' members with a private tailgate party inside by our seats. She suggested that this might be a good spring social event and she would be sharing this information with the Fellowship Team.
- President Schambow told the group about the award being offered by the SWIS District, and advised them that they would receive a "certificate" if they would recruit a new member to join in March.

## **Weekly Speakers:**

Thank you to Charlie Clark and Ron Weier for coordinating our March speakers.

**March 8:** Amy Jo Studden, WI Department Workforce Development – helping disabled individuals receive training and work experience.

**March 15:** Brigid Reimann and FFA Officers

**March 22:** Dr. Ray Sloan – Exploring the wonders of Peru

**March 29:** George Smith, Retired UW-P Professor – His collection of music

Thank you to Maxine Lane for coordinating our April speakers.

April 5: Business Meeting

April 12: Sally Stead and Kelly Hubbard – The bond of adoption. Special Guest: Blakley Hubbard

April 19: Oratorical and Essay Winners – will recite/read their entry

April 26: Kelly Sponsler, Middle School Optimists (JOI Club) – what's shakin with the JOI Club?

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane



**Just in case you are interested!**

Watch here for future items of interest. To post, send email to [msmacy105@yahoo.com](mailto:msmacy105@yahoo.com)  
Items for sale, looking to buy, member social outings, etc.