



Platteville Optimist Club Monthly Highlights June 2020



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

2019 – 2020 Officers and Board of Directors

Officers: Dan Engelke, President – Tom Nall, Vice President –
Tim Boldt, Second Vice President – Wayne Wodarz, Past President –
Duane Borgen, Treasurer – Becky Schambow, Secretary

Board of Directors: Chris Budden, Steve Lane, Tim Murphy, Doug Martin,
Leon Neuheisel, and Linda Thomas

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NOTE: Due to Covid Pandemic and “safe distancing” requirements, the Platteville Optimist Board and Members have not been able to meet in person since March 6, 2020. In an effort to continue Club business, the Board of Directors have met by Zoom’s internet application for a Special Meeting on June 11th and Regular Board Meeting on June 23rd.

GOVERNING BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- **Treasurer’s Report:** Financial Report dated June 23, 2020 was submitted by D. Borgen, Treasurer and approved.
- **Donation Declined:** Badger Boys State returned our donation as event was cancelled.

YOUTH COMMITTEE:

- **Entry for SWIS Governor’s Award:** A proposal outlining our Club’s idea to facilitate a “Youth Citizens’ Academy” class in collaboration with Platteville’s Police and Fire Departments, and Southwest Health EMS was submitted to SWIS District Governor. Our proposal will be judged for a chance to win a \$500 Governor’s Award to offset costs of this proposed event.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE:

- **Party in The Park Event:** This event is tentatively planned for July 23rd and although we hope to have an Optimist presence, it is doubtful that we will be able to serve food.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE:

- **Call Tree:** The Board and Fellowship Committee feels bad that we have not been able to meet face-to-face. They want to let members know they are thinking about you and hope to communicate with you soon.

MEMBERSHIP:

- **Loss of Members:** Sadly we are reporting that the following members have elected not to renew their memberships at this time: Melby Funeral Home (*Friend of Optimist*); Cathy Cotter, Terry and Tim Wood. Their support has been truly appreciated and we hope they may consider joining us again in the future.

PUBLICITY / NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE COMMITTEE:

- **Changes in Publications:** As identified in May Highlights, our weekly Rooster Call bulletins have been discontinued and will be replaced with “Monthly Highlights”. Watch for email with link as these are published on our Club’s website. These Highlights will provide you with Board updates, important information including dates to remember, etc. The Highlights will also include a summary of weekly speakers and their topics.

CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE:

- **Cheese Curd Sale Events:** Due to fair cancellation, we will not be able to sell cheese curds at the Grant County Fair this year. Cheese curd sales at Dairy Days will be considered if/when confirmation is received that this event will take place.
- **Insurance on Trailer:** Quotes for insurance on Cheese Curd Trailer are being sought from various insurance agencies.

BOARD MOTIONS and ACTIONS TAKEN

Special Board Meeting June 11, 2020: A special Board meeting was held on June 11th, 2020 for the purpose of discussion of a proposal submitted by Maxine Lane, *in collaboration with Gary and Eileen Engelke*, to hold a “First Annual Optimist Golf Outing” on August 15th. Board felt this was a commendable idea, however due to current Covid pandemic and economic concerns the Board recommended planning and facilitating this event / fundraiser next spring or summer.

Regular Board Meeting – June 23, 2020:

- **Bylaw Review and Update:** Board conducted further review of our Bylaws and is recommending additional verbiage be added to identify that the Secretary and Treasurer positions can be appointed by the Board President. The final draft of proposed changes recommended by the Board at their May 29th and June 23rd meetings will be submitted to Membership via email for their review. The recommended changes will be voted on by membership at our next **Business Meeting, scheduled for July 10, 2020 at 7:00 a.m. Watch for information in an upcoming email notification that will contain Zoom link for your connection.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS FROM BOARD

- **Nominees for Board Officer and Director Positions for Fiscal Year 20/21:** The Board is pleased to announce that Alaina Reeves has volunteered to serve as our Club Secretary effective 10-1-2020. The Board is also pleased to announce that Terri Ellis and Jordan Holthaus have volunteered to run for open Director positions, and Steve Lane has expressed his willingness to run for a second Director term. Official elections and/or appointments of Board Officers and Directors will be conducted at the Business Meeting scheduled on July 10th.
- **Correspondence Received:**
 - **Notes of Appreciation have been received from:** Nicholas Cullen, scholarship recipient; Barb Deis for our donation to the “Feed and Read Program”; and Platteville’s Food Pantry for our donation.
- **Future Membership Meetings Scheduled:** The Board elected to hold weekly membership meetings each Friday morning beginning July 10th. There will not be meetings on June 26th or July 3rd. The meetings will be held via Zoom internet connection until which time the Board decides upon a venue where we could meet again in person, following safe-distancing / Covid restriction guidelines. We are excited to note that the Board is planning to have guest speakers present to us via Zoom. Watch for email announcements providing names of speakers with the Zoom link. We encourage all to participate.
 - **July 10th – 7:00 a.m. Meeting via Zoom will feature Platteville’s new City Manager, Adam Ruechel as our Guest Speaker. In addition, we will have a short Business Meeting for purpose of reviewing and approving necessary changes to our Bylaws and Board Elections as noted above.**
- **Next Board Meeting:** Scheduled to be held via Zoom on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

Board Report Respectfully submitted by: Becky Schambow, Secretary

HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS HELD IN JUNE

- **June 12, 2020 – First Virtual Meeting via Zoom – Hosted by Peggy Compton – Zoom Training:** A big thank you to Peggy for hosting this meeting and sharing her helpful expertise on the Zoom application.
 - Attendees: There were 25 members who linked in and participated including: Peggy Compton (Host); President Dan Engelke; Becky Schambow; Maxine and Steve Lane; Leon Neuheisel; Mike and Priscilla Hahn; Terri Ellis; Chris and Paul Budden; Doug Martin; Bob Stephens; Carley Borcharding; Greg Sieckman; Ernie Thalmann; Joy Schewe; Tom Nall; Tim Boldt; Maggie Kleiseth; Alaina Reeves; Howard Crofoot; Linda Thomas; Bob Hundhausen; and Charlie Clark.
- **June 19, 2020 – Virtual Meeting via Zoom – Hosted by Peggy Compton:** President Dan Engelke opened the meeting and led the attendees in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance and our Optimist Creed. Thanks again to Peggy for helping attendees in Zoom applications. In an attempt to gather input to assist the Board in making decisions about the future of our meetings during this Covid pandemic, Peg conducted several polls to gather attendees comfort level with returning to meeting at a venue (*with safe distancing capabilities*) or continuing with Zoom meetings.
 - Attendees: There were 18 members who linked in and participated including: Peggy Compton (Host); President Dan Engelke; Becky Schambow; Maxine and Steve Lane; Charlie Clark; Doug Martin; Linda Thomas; Maggie Kleiseth; Tim Boldt; Bob Stephens; Duane Borgen; Chris and Paul Budden; Ernie Thalmann; Carley Borcharding; Alaina Reeves; and Howard Crofoot.
- **June 26, 2020 – No meeting**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MEMBERS' SPECIAL DAYS in JULY

Please note recognition of membership anniversaries, birthdays, and members' wedding anniversaries that will occur in July. (*Please let B. Schambow know if we missed anyone.*)

JULY MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

- **Virgil Pufahl – 1975;**
- **Jim Boll – 1976;**
- **Carley Borcharding and Mike Hahn- 2017**
- **Jim Boebel – 2019**

JULY - FRIENDS OF OPTIMISTS

- **Country Kitchen and Warco Transportation – 2015**

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

- **Leon and Madge Neuheisel – July 11th;**
- **Pat and Bob Weier – July 20th;**
- **Arnie and Janet Roper – July 26th;**
- **Eileen and Gary Engelke – July 29th**

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

- **Mark Essex – July 2nd;**
- **Gary Engelke – July 15th;**
- **Matt Tyc – July 17th;**
- **Jim Boebel – July 24th**