

# 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 – March 2, 2018

**Attendance:** 27 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Talia Mushinsky, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Eileen Nickels, Virg Pufahl, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Bob Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

**Guests:** It was a pleasure to have Madge Neuheisel, wife of Leon, join us this morning.

**Mystery Greeter:** Charlie Clark was shaking hands this morning, and Fern Nall was the 'lucky' hand shake.

**Monthly Breakfast Draw:** The following are eligible for a FREE breakfast during March:

**Present:** Dan Engelke and Carley Borcharding.

**Not present:** Naomi Wells and Chris Budden

**Joker Draw:** It would appear Bob Weier has taken over the lead position in winning from Doug Martin! Yes, Bob won the joker draw this morning, taking home a nice little chunk of change.

**New Member Induction:** It was a pleasure this morning to once again induct a new member, Talia Mushinsky. Talia discovered the Optimist at the Library Community Fair. She describes herself as kind, generous, passionate and bright and is excited to share her talents with the Optimist Club. Welcome Talia!



### **Announcements:**

**Birthdays:** John Urness 3/5 ~ **Anniversaries:** n/a

**Years of membership:** It is always a pleasure to recognize members and our Friends of Optimist celebrating years of service to our club. It is because of our members we can do what we do!

## THANK YOU

Tom Jonas (**Charter Member**) - 1972  
Duane Borgen – 1980  
Phil Swift – 1981

Hap Daus – 1988  
George Byykkonen – 1992  
Dean Feldman – 1992

**Surprise! Surprise!** It was a surprise and a pleasure to have Eileen Nickels join our meeting this morning, and she was first on the agenda to acknowledge and surprise one of our members. (And of course, Eileen not particularly being a morning person...President Wodarz could not resist antagonizing just a little). Eileen took it well and everyone enjoyed a few laughs.



Meet Cory, Eileen Nickels daughter, and Kiana, Eileen's granddaughter, who live in Japan. Upon visiting grandma here in Platteville, Cory and Kiana became very fond of the "Little Library", which they did NOT have in Japan.

Enter into the picture, Leon Neuheisel! As Eileen the story continued . . . Cory discussed the possibility of getting a Little Library from the United States to Japan. Eileen knew from experience the cost involved in mailing packages, and nothing quite this large had been previously mailed. Cory came up with the perfect answer; she would pack the Little Library in her suitcase and reassemble once back home in Japan. Once again, entering the picture is Leon, at his workshop and the rest is history. Cory and Kiana now have a Little Library in Japan, as shown in picture #3. Eileen presented Leon with a photo album, bringing highlights of the project together and making a special memory for Leon, Madge, Cory, Kiana and Eileen.

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

#### **Finance/Administrative:**

**Financial Report:** Membership was updated on financials from Finance Chair, Duane Borgen, allowing time for questions and answers. Board was recommending approval. Motion was seconded by Leon Neuheisel. Carried. The Board had also reviewed the Joker Draw Policy. J Urness provided an overview. The consensus was to leave as drafted with no changes being made.

#### **Youth Activities:** Tim Boldt, Chair, Dan Engelke

Upcoming activities were summarized.

\*Essay Contest winners: Caroline Gates (1<sup>st</sup>), Cassidy Whitney (2<sup>nd</sup>)

\*Oratorical Contest March 8 with Zone being held in Platteville on March 17

\*Tri-Star Basketball April 7, noon to 2 at UW-P Bo Ryan Court, District Event April 14 Mukwonago  
Trophies ordered, Press releases in process, volunteers have signed up to help.

#### **Community Service:** Ernie Thalmann, Chair

\*Food Pantry Collection: Our quarterly Collection for the Platteville Food Pantry resulted in \$90.00

#### **Fellowship/Weekly Programs:** Becky Schambow, Chair, C Clark, P Compton, F Nall, B Weier, P Swift

\*March speakers appear below. Thanks to Charlie Clark and Ron Weier for coordinating.

#### **Membership:** Barb Stockhausen, Chair

\*The Board accepted the application from Talia Mushinsky (inducted today), Matt Bohlken (ladies golf coach at UWP) and Rob Bell, FOO (speaker at SWIS 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter conference).

\*NOW meeting set for April 21 at FELC Fellowship Hall.

- \*New member incentive: Members who successfully signup 2 or more members through the NOW luncheon will receive a 50% discount on their 2018-2019 dues.
- \*M Lane is requesting donations for silent auction items.
- \*OI is offering a \$30.00 discount to new members, bringing the current annual membership to \$54.00.
- \*Our membership currently stands at 102 members.

**Publicity/Newsletter:** Maxine Lane, Chair, Maggie Kleisath, Chris Budden, Mary Sieckman, Fern Nall  
 Chair M Lane had requested approval from the Board to boost certain Facebook postings, such as the upcoming Tri-Star Basketball. The cost is \$30.00 and in doing so will reach some additional 1,000+ users over and above our regular 100 followers. Board had approved. Point of information for members.

**Cheese Curds:** Kevin Haertzen, Chair, Bob Weier, Steve Lane, John Urness, Gary Engelke

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Wayne Wodarz, Chair, Maxine Lane, Eileen Engelke, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Becky Schambow, Bob Stephens, John Urness, Kevin Haertzen  
 President Wodarz updated the members on the status of the events being planned:

- \*Full page ad April 26,
- \*Proclamation in being drafted,
- \*Celebration reception June 23, PGCC,
- \*Dairy Days sub-committee formed,

**Old Business:**

- \*Magnet badges were presented at the Board Meeting. Requested clip style also,
- \*Building JOI Club in process,
- \*Stand-alone podium to be used in future, opening up 6 additional seats for members,
- \*Update from Dairy Day Committee pending,

**New Business:**

- \*Governor Gary spoke to the Board about using the Cheese Curd Trailer to introduce a fund raiser for a new club in Bloomington. A Platteville member would be present at all time, and it is a one-time opportunity. His contact in Bloomington is part of our FOO, Warco Transportation. Gary briefed the membership on his request, stating that additional information is necessary prior to making a decision.
- \*Governor Gary also informed the membership we have 16 applications for the new University Optimist Club.

**Other Business:**

- \*We need to start thinking about upcoming Board vacancies and a Second Vice President.

**Weekly Speakers:** Thank you to Charlie Clark and Ron Weier for coordinating our March speakers.

March 9 – Karen Demaree - Quilts of Valor

March 16 – Angie Wright - PATH

March 23 – Angie Pierce and Lu Ann Bowman will present on Park Place Senior

March 30 –Dr. Wontor returns and his practice in Alaska

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call Bulletin by Maxine Lane

