

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

CURRENTLY MEETING 7:00 AM FRIDAYS AT COUNTRY KITCHEN, HWY 151, PLATTEVILLE, WI

Friday, December 4, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-one Optimists attended. Ten were wearing their Optimist Shirts (Bob Weier, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Steve Lane, Maxine Lane, Ron Weier, Maggie Kleisath, Charlie Clark, Hap Daus and Ernie Thalmann).

Mystery Greeter: Dave Jones greeted Howard Crowfoot

Joker Draw: Howard Crowfoot's ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. Howard drew and got the 7 of Diamonds, earning him \$2.00 for the effort. An Optimist bumper sticker was won by Steve Lane.

Business Meeting:

++ First Friday Drawings:

Free breakfast for those attending went to Ernie Thalmann and Eileen Engelke.

Free breakfast for those "not in attendance" went to Eileen Nickels and Brad Brogley.

++ People celebrating birthdays this week included Virgil Pufahl (Dec. 1). Celebrating Wedding anniversary this week Terry and Bonnie Vaassen (Dec. 9). Membership anniversaries were Kathy Kopp 1993, Tom Nall 2000, Beth Frieders 2006, Tim Boldt and Ron Weier 2012, and Becky Schambow 2014.

Business Meeting

** Maxine informed the group that we need two more people to do Santa Calling on Thursday, December 17th.

** Kathy Hottenstein and Lori Velte resigned from the club. To date the membership is down 4 and up 3 Friends of Optimist for a current total of 67.

** Contact with the Noon Club--Ron Weier attended the Wed, November 25th meeting of the club. The club is a group of 12 and looking for ways to increase membership as well as budget. Their club was not interested in helping sell cheese curds at the Crawford Co. Fair, but are interested in helping us with the Grant Co. Fair. Their kettle corn sales netted about \$400 at Dairy Days. They are interested in looking into some recruiting activities with our club.

** Membership committee had a meeting. Wayne Wodardt mentioned several attempts they discussed to boost membership. One is to compile a list of prospective members and let the membership see it so that one person isn't being pursued by more than one Optimist member. Reinstate the practice of giving Free Breakfast cards. When a student speaks, be sure to invite their parents for a free breakfast and to learn about the club.

New Business

** The board voted to purchase a stand to hold the banner on from Lifeline. Bob Weier volunteered to carry the stand and banner and transport it to the meetings weekly.

** John reported that there is \$17,396 in the Youth Account and \$3,883 in the Internal Account. The Joke Draw has \$1,475. Charlie moved to approve the budget. Seconded by Leon, Motion carried.

** Maxine made a motion to provide the Holiday Project with an additional \$200 from the Joker Draw. Motion was seconded by Gary Engelke, motion carried. The donation will be made to Cindy Martens when she comes to tell the club about the Holiday Project.

** Holiday social will be Friday, January 15th at the Wisconsin Bank and Trust. The club will provide the entrée and attendees will provide salads and desserts in addition to their own beverages.

** At the board meeting, discussion was held about the difference between our Books for Babies program and the one being conducted at the Platteville Clinic. Our books are provided to parents of newborn children while they are in the hospital. The one at the clinic serves children from 6 months old to school age when they come for a visit at the doctor's office. Fern Nall, who takes care of the Books for Babies Program, had showed the board one of the packets that is distributed. At the meeting discussion was held that she should arrange to have a photo shoot and contact Jamie Collins to have a story about the program included in the Southwest Health newsletter.

** Upcoming speakers will be December 18th will be Tudd Bowden, January 15th, Dr. Josh Lindsay, and January 22nd Jessie Lee-Jones.



Terry Busch (left) of Busch Insurance Agency, Platteville, receives the Friend of Optimists membership certificate from Optimist President Ron Weier.

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