

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Friday, July 22, 2016

Attendance: Crowded room today with 32 Optimistic people in attendance. Ken Kamps, Bob Weier, Leon Neuheisel, Tom Nall, Steve Lane, Maggie Kleisath, Duane Borgen, Maxine Lane, Eileen Engelke, Hap Daus, Doug Martin, Gary Engelke, Terri Ellis, Ron Weier and Charlie Clark had on Optimistic gear. Guests today included speaker Jennifer Gipp. Charlie's wife Joyce Clark, and Bob & Ron Weier's sister Elaine Schaaf.. Bob Weier introduced Amanda Heer who is considering becoming an Optimist.

Mystery Greeter: Joy Schewe greeted Doug Martin at just the right time, giving him a free Joker Draw ticket.

Luck of the Draw: Jennifer Gipp, speaker for today was the lucky winner of the Joker Draw which netted her \$2. Her 2 of spades wasn't the lucky card. Gary Engelke was the lucky winner of the \$25 gift certificate from My Tires donated by Jerry Schewe.

Business Meeting (led by President Ron Weier):

- ** Arnie Roper will celebrate his birthday on July 26th.
- ** Tom Sigwarth, friend of Optimist member, thanked Beth and all of the Optimists that have worked hard on the country Kitchen garden.
- ** We welcomed My Tires as a Friend of Optimist.
- ** President Weier presented Steve Lane a letter from OI along with a pin with 1 on it as he recruited his first new member to the club, Bill Niehaus.
- ** Charlie is still taking orders for tickets to Capital Steps at the Overture Center. Performance is Friday, October 14th at 7:30. Please contact him soon if you are interested (clarkcf875@icloud.com).
- ** Contact Ken Kamps to sign up to help with cheese curds at the Grant county Fair and Dairy Days. He plans to make phone calls soon and so he would like you to contact him before he contacts you.

Program:

Jennifer Gipp, daughter of President Ron Weier and Jan Weier, was the speaker today. She is from Decorah, IA and is an optometrist with the Gunderson Health System. She has traveled in many capacities. Her travels began when she was a foreign exchange student to New Zealand. To date she has traveled to six continents. Now she is interested in helping people in underdeveloped countries and



Jenny Gipp, daughter of our president, Ron Weier, spoke about her experience in writing and publishing her novel.

taking medical missions. She has served in Honduras and Nicaragua. On her mission trips she said they serve 100-150 people a day who need cataract surgery or reading glasses, but don't have access to them in their country.

In her spare time she enjoys writing and has completed her first novel, Breaking Through the Fog. Her talk shared how she developed as a writer and encouraged all of us to put pen to paper and share our stories. She used quotes from her favorite author, Ann Lamott, to tell us why we should write and share our story, know that there may be rejection, remember that you can't see the whole picture at one time, and that any author must take it step by step. She has always liked to write and when she was on maternity leave her mother encouraged her to finish her book.

Breaking Through the Fog was published by CreateSpace a self-publishing company and distribution center. The site has 24/7 assistance and is free. Jennifer felt that they gave good support and encouragement. The book is also available on Amazon. She was also doing a presentation at Badger Brothers at 4pm. Thanks for sharing your story with us Jennifer and good luck as you write your next book.

Upcoming Speakers:

On July 29th Troy Moen, manager of the relatively new Krone's Implement dealership on the east end of town on Bus. Hwy 151, will speak about the company, what they sell, and what was behind the decision to locate in Platteville.



Our new "Friend of Optimists" is My Tire. Pictured here are Jerry Schewe (sponsor) and President Ron Weier presenting the membership plaque to Anna Waters of My Tires.

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