

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 – Friday, April 27, 2018

Attendance: 32 Members – Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Marilyn Mead, Pat Moxness, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Virg Pufahl, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

President Wodarz opened the meeting, extending a Happy 50th Anniversary to members!

Guests:

*Charlie Clark introduced his guest, Sr. Janet Wyker, formerly from Platteville.

*Gary Engelke introduced four members of the newly formed Platteville Student Optimist Club, Kaley Mumma, Cortney Olson, Alysse Elko and Clay Stuepfet. This newly formed student club is on campus at UWP and has scheduled their first community project. To get started, since they are newly formed, Gary invited them to share their event and perhaps get financial support from our members as the sponsoring club. UWP holds a Kids Night Out, bringing young people to campus while parents have an opportunity to have some free time knowing their children are being supervised. The Platteville Student Optimist Club has planned to work with the young people in crafting something for the mom's for the upcoming Mother's Day. The 'sharing because we care pot' was circulated and members donated \$100.00 to the students.

*Eileen Engelke introduced Marilyn Mead, not only a guest but attending her first meeting as a member. Marilyn joined Optimist at the NOW luncheon held on April 21.

Mystery Greeter: Maxine picked lucky #13 and Howard Crofoot was the recipient.

Joker Draw: Gary Engelke was holding the ticket when the number was read, drawing the 6 of Clubs.

Mail/Thank You Notes:

*A very nice Thank You was received from Keegan Weigel, thanking the club for hosting the Tri-Star Basketball Skills and letting us know he placed second at District.

*A note was also received from the Platteville High School, extending their appreciation for our donation to the HUNCH program.

*President Wodarz also mentioned the “Spotlight” article on Adam Compton, son of Peggy Compton.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Celebrating birthdays – Tom Nall 4/29, Jim Olds 4/30 and Bob Weier 5/2.
One upcoming Anniversary celebration – Diane VanNatta on 5/3

50th Anniversary Committee:

*President Wodarz thanked those members who attended the Council Meeting and provided updates:

-President Wodarz accepted the Proclamation from Karen Kurt at the 4/24 Council Meeting (attached).

- President Wodarz presented to Luke Peters a check in the amount of \$5,000. Member donations were short of reaching \$5,000 by \$160. The 50th Anniversary Committee decided to use \$160 from the Joker Draw and presented for membership approval. Unanimously passed.
- Full page ad was published on April 25.
- Invitations will be forwarded May 7.

Miscellaneous:

*NOW Luncheon – April 21 from 11:00 to 1:00 – FELC.

Maxine reported 9 members attended: Gary & Eileen Engelke, Barb Stockhausen, Becky Schambow, Charlie Clark, Carley Borcharding, Talia Mushinsky and Steve & Maxine Lane. Five guests attended and of the 5 we gained 3 new members, Marilyn Mead, Hannah Rewey and Cathy Cotter. There was time to shop at the missions upstairs at FELC and door prizes were provided by Barb Stockhausen and Maxine Lane. The lunch was provided by Eileen Engelke, Maxine Lane and Becky Schambow. President Wodarz stated our membership stands at 106 members.

*Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 1 – 7AM at PBII. Our search continues for 3 Board Members and a 2nd VP

*SWIS District Conference – May 4-5 in WI Dells. Governor Gary stated there are 14 Oratorical Contestants.

Program: Beth Frieders finished out April, 3 for 3. She brought yet another amazing speaker to our meeting on Friday, Alex Harman. As the publisher, all I can say is “Beth, I’m really glad your month is done!” Kidding of course! The presentations from Beth’s speakers were mesmerizing. So much so, I found myself listening rather than keeping notes. Truthfully, the presentations were far beyond my biological background (ha ha). Thanks Beth for helping me to summarize.

Alex is closing in on the end of his junior year at UW-P. A Biology Major with focus on Ecology, Alex’s most recent project has been a study to increase native plants for pollinators.

Approximately one year ago, the Honey Bee project arrived on campus, bringing in two colonies of bees. The program has had its ups and downs and since the beginning, Alex has been involved with the project. He shared very interesting information; each colony has some 4,000 bees and can increase up to 80,000 bees. He provided information on the paper work necessary to acquire bees and supplies, shared that each hive has one Queen Bee and many, many worker bees. He stated that the Honey Bee is not native to the United States but rather to Europe. Being a Biology Major with a focus on Ecology, Alex has traveled to and studied in Borneo, Panama, Australia and Galaspo Islands. With that being said, his study has focused on increasing plants in the United States that are important to the pollination by the Honey Bee. There are plans to receive 2 new hives shortly on campus. Currently all is going well with the existing hives as there is new larva and new eggs upon inspection of the hives. There were many, many questions and Alex was very informative. He demonstrated a sincere interest in his study of the Honey Bee and provided an outstanding presentation.



Thanks to Maxine for coordinating our May Speakers.

May 4 – Business Meeting

May 11 – Kate Kozial, Executive Director Platteville Business Incubator – What’s Happening at PBII

May 18 – Laura Gutierrez, Secretary WI Dept. Safety & Professional Services – Heroin in our Communities

May 25 – Ellen Warren, Clarity Clinic – Educating the community on health issues