

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M. EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Friday, February 13, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-three (23) Optimists, with eight (Ernie, Hap, Bob, Steve, Leon, Gary, Tom and Maxine) wearing their Optimist shirts.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier greeted Ron Weier (sounds suspicious!).

Luck of the Draw: Tom Nall's ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. The Ace of Clubs gave him \$2.

Business Meeting:

++ We'll need three new board members for the 2015 – 2017 term and a 2nd Vice President.

++ Suggestions from the club for use of the Joker Draw Funds are also welcome.

++ Gary Munson gave us an update on the Essay Contest. There are 27 entries that are currently being reviewed and judged. We will select 2 and possibly 3 to go on. March 12th is the deadline for the Oratorical Contest. Gary is pursuing finding participants.

++ Speaker for February 20th - Dave Ross, Secy of WI Dept of Safety & Professional Services (Prescription Drug Monitoring Program). This would be an excellent program to invite a guest.

Program:

Jessie shared her history with us of growing up in Lafarge, WI. She has been in the library system for 10 years, beginning with her studies at UW Stevens Point. She has worked in several community and school libraries. Jessie provided a lot of information on the Library Block Project. This will include the demolition of some of the buildings. The current library will be renovated to house the new Clinic that is in the plans. Also, there will be a new library and Holiday Inn Express. It has been felt that parking could be an issue, but she feels that had been addressed satisfactorily. She also shared some detail of the financial plans and a possible capital campaign. It will be in the TIFF district which will offer some assistance to the developer.

The new library will offer additional space for conference and meeting rooms. There will also be a children's area and teen area. The services available through the library cover all ages – Children, Teens and Adults. The also offer a wide variety of technology resources such as computers, internet and copy services for those people who do not have these available in their homes. Jessie allowed plenty of time during which questions from the club members were answered.



Jessie Lee-Jones, Director Platteville Public Library.