



ROOSTER CALL

'Second Time Around'

Platteville Optimist Club

Established 1968

Vision Statement

"To impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"



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KEVIN'S KORNER



As I am on the downhill side of my term as President, I wonder what new surprises still await. To date, our club continues to be fiscally sound, as it has previous years. Looking back we can take pride in many activities, large and small that we have been involved in. The library fund raising raffle, the new member luncheon, individual member contributions to the outdoor fitness center, the quarterly donations to the food bank, dime-a-day, children's cancer fund donations, badger camp, Santa Calling, and others all speak to the kindness, hard work, and generosity of the members of the Platteville Optimists Morning Club. I do understand



that one of my most important jobs is to make sure that the weekly joker draw occurs, and so far, so good.

I believe for the first time in many years, we are not able to count on one hand the number of new members. What a good problem to have! We still have three months in this fiscal year and are currently at 93 members. Let's go for 100! Later we can ask Country Kitchen to open a new breakfast wing.

I will say just a few words about the need to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors as well as the position of Second Vice President. Since my membership, March, 2013 it seems as though we go through this challenge every year. Our Directors serve a two year term so we have new members, which mean new ideas, rotating in every year. The task is really **NOT AT ALL DIFFICULT**. The Board Members who are rotating out this year are Doug Martin, Bob Weier and Eileen Engelke, all of which have served either 2 or 3 terms, calculating out to 4 or 6 years. I think they have served the club beyond expectations and are worthy of a break, knowing they are welcome back in the future. I might also add, they have offered to continue to serve, but I ask you, is this right to ask of them??? As a Director, we are asking for 1 hour a month, starting your term in October. We meet the Tuesday prior to the first Friday, allowing the Board to update the members at the business meeting. Please give consideration to serving your club as a Director for the 2017-2019 term. An update I am proud to announce, Tim Boldt has volunteered to serve on our Board of Directors, allowing Doug Martin to step down. Thank you Tim. It will be a pleasure working with you and having you help create new and exciting events for our club going forward.

We also are in need of a Second Vice President. A position of honor as your club feels you are worthy of eventually leading the club as President. You serve one year as Second VP, one year as First VP and then as President. Look at me....I'm still walking, talking and breathing, I'm a survivor of all three levels and proud to have served my club. Wayne Wodarz is another great example as he will be serving as President for a second time following my stepping down and passing on the 'Bell'. And, kudos to Barb Stockhausen, who will be stepping into the position of First Vice President and looking to serve as President in another year. So, I ask you to please consider serving as Second Vice President and assuming the chairs leading to President.

New Members Welcome Wagon

It is a pleasure to welcome our most recent members. *Welcome To . . .*



*Brian and Laura Brown, sponsor Eileen Engelke

*Peggy Compton – Unable to say ‘no’ after enjoying open face chicken pot pie and butter pecan ice cream dessert, Peggy accepted Charlie Clark’s invitation to join the club at the membership luncheon in April. Peggy is a Statewide Specialist for UW-Extension where she coordinates a program of 600+ volunteers who monitor the water quality of their local streams. Originally from Minnesota (but not a Vikings fan), Peggy has lived in the Platteville area for two decades, currently residing with her two teenage boys and two cats. When not spending time with her kids or her cats, Peggy makes time to run and bike and most recently embracing road cycling.

*Janelle Davis – Sponsored by Maxine Lane and not wanting to miss out on all the fun our cul-de-sac neighbors are having, Janelle is excited to be joining this active, youth-oriented service organization. Janelle and her husband, Pete, have two children, age 9 and 12, who keep them extremely busy. In her role as an academic coach and advisor, Janelle works with college-aged students as part of Academic Support Programs at UW-P. She is also a member of the Platteville PTO and a Sunday school teacher.

*Donna Gavin, sponsor Beth Frieders

*Gary and Lu Jones, sponsor Charlie Clark

*Andrea Pastor – Relocating to Southwest Wisconsin some 4 ½ years ago from Minnesota, Andrea and her husband, Robb, have called Platteville home for almost 3 years. Andrea is the Health Information Management Director at Southwest Health Center and is working on her MBA in Rural Healthcare. Andrea and Robb have a two year old, Jack, and a YorkiePoo named Oscar. Andrea says they are a busy family, going to see family as often as possible or ‘just on the go’. (sponsor, Becky Schambow)

*Greg/Mary Sieckman – Originally from Milwaukee (Glendale), Greg met Mary, at UW-P. He spent four years with Wilson Foods, Albert Lea, MN and 37 ½ years at Flexsteel in Dubuque, retiring in December, 2014 from the Industrial Engineering Department. Mary is a native Plattevillian, graduating from PHS and UW-P. Greg and Mary have three children, Cathie, Jeff (wife Becki), and Robin (wife Courtney) and five grandchildren, Cloe, Ashton, Alexis, Gage and Parker. Greg enjoys ham radio, golf and grandkids, (not necessarily in that order). (sponsor, Maxine Lane)



*Linda Thomas – Growing up in Prairie du Chien, Linda, husband, Rod, and family moved to Platteville in 1982 when Rod started his own cleaning business. Linda worked for Kopp, McKichan Law offices, for 9 years, currently works during tax season at H & R Block and is the Office Manager at St. Augustine University Parish. Linda and Rod have two daughters, Kelly (hubby, Brad and their puppy, Baxter) and Sara (hubby, Jason and their two boys, Gavin and Aiden). Linda enjoys watching most sports, especially the grandson’s games and she recently found her way back to golf. (sponsor, Charlie Clark)

*Dr. Jeff White, sponsor, Ron Weier





TEEN of the WEEK

May 10, 2017

Congrats to Ryan Roling, son of Jo Roling, Friend of Optimist with DuPaco Community Credit Union. School activities for Ryan include varsity soccer (4 years), student council vice president, track (freshman and sophomore year), basketball (freshman year). Ryan is two-time 1st team All-SWC soccer, two-time team offensive MVP (soccer) and high honor roll (junior and senior years). Outside of school Ryan enjoys Platteville Power club soccer, Quota Club and working part-time at Culvers.

2016-2017
Platteville Optimist
Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to

Bridget Kelley



Tri-Star Basketball
Sunday, April 23, 2017

<<< First Place

Second Place >>>



Compton Brothers Excel on the Ice

Congrats to Peggy Compton on the success her sons have experienced on the ice.

Adam, a junior at PHS has been playing hockey since age 5 and has been his team's goalie since age 9. Playing with the Southwest Eagles of Verona for the 16-17 season, Adam played 37 of the team's 39 games and posted a .890 save percentage.

Jonathan, an 8th grader at PMS plays for the Dodgeville Ice Wolves Bantam team (13 and 14 years old), a team comprised of youth from several area communities. Jonathan played both defenseman and goalie for his team throughout the year and got the call to the net for their final three game of the year.

Clarissa Sexton, Zone 6 representative, receives a souvenir token at SWIS District Oratorical from OI President, Kondrasuk. Clarissa was sponsored by Platteville Area Optimist Club.



It's all about what we're all about!!

A BIG SHOUT OUT to members of the UW-P Pioneer Basketball Team for helping with our Tri-Star Basketball, sharing some tips and interacting with our participants.



Pictured are Coach Jeff Gard, Colin Kramper, Chris Moore, Matt Oestreich, (front) Colin Connelly, Cole Hake and Coach Gard's daughter, Hannah.

Perhaps you are asking why? Why does the world need more Optimists? It is important to understand the effect each new member has on the kids that are served by Optimists throughout the world. Statistics reflect that each member reaches 35 children. We recently welcomed 12 new members. If you do the math, we are now reaching 420 additional kids in our community as well as in and around Southwest Wisconsin. We currently have 93 members. The third largest Optimist Club out of 54 in District 9, which covers the eastern side of the state, around Milwaukee down to Kenosha/Racine, central Southwest Wisconsin, as far west as LaCrosse and southern Wisconsin. Going into our 50th year, we would like nothing better to do so with 100 members. We have a mere 7 members to go. Please say you will help accomplish this goal and invite a friend to become an Optimist Member and reach 35 kids in doing so! Many Thanks.



FOOTBALL CRAZR SUPPORTS OPTIMISTS

It's that time again! The Football Crazr Program is a major fund raiser for OI as well as participating clubs within the SWIS District.



Tickets are \$20/each with approximately \$13.00 of the \$20.00 coming back to our club. Gary Engelke will be contacting members or you may contact him at 732-6663. With sales last year, we received back a little over \$400.00. Support OI, your club and possibly win yourself!!

Platteville Optimist Club

1968 - 2018

Next year, our club will celebrate 50 years! Awesome for a civic club! If you would like to serve on a special planning committee or have celebration ideas, please contact either or both, President Elect, Wayne Wodarz wwodarz@netscape.net or Maxine Lane, Publicity/Newsletter Chair msmacy105@yahoo.com



We have had some excellent speakers this year and the trend is certain to continue. Thank you to Ken Kamps, Paul Budden and Barb Stockhausen for serving as speaker coordinators for June, July and August, respectively. It takes many volunteers to make an organization be successful and work effectively. Platteville Optimists have proven results!!



With summer and fall comes the call for cheese curds! The number of youth organizations that our club can support financially continues to grow thus the importance of our club selling the highest quality of cheese curds and having each shift filled with the proper number of members. A couple dates you should highlight on your planning calendar:



Grant County Fair: August 16 – 20

Platteville Dairy Days: September 8-9-10

Member Celebrations



JUNE

6 – Donna Gavin
9 – Ernie Thalmann
19 – Ron Weier

JULY

15 – Gary Engelke

AUGUST

3 – Eileen Nickels
5 – Maggie Kleisath
9 – Jim Boll
10 – Gary Munson
11 – Terry Beebe
26 – Dave Jones
28 – Barb Stockhausen
29 – Fern Nall

CONGRATULATIONS

and
THANK YOU
for your

years of service
and **loyalty** to
Platteville Optimist

JUNE

1989 – Eileen Nickels (L)
2003 – Terri Ellis
2004 – Tim Murphy
2004 – Gary Engelke
2004 – Eileen Engelke
2015 – Melby Funeral Home*

JULY

1975 – Virgil Pufahl
1976 – Jim Boll (L)
1993 – Barb Stockhausen
2007 – Terry Beebe
2015 – Warco Transportation*
2015 – Dairy Queen/
Country Kitchen*
2016 – My Tires*

AUGUST

1994 – Mike Olds
2004 – Diane VanNatta
2012 – Gary Munson
2012 – Steve Kleisath
2012 – Magie Kleisath
2016 – Paul Budden

(L) – Lifetime Members
(*) – Friends of Optimist



JUNE

1 – Linda Thomas	18 – Tom & Fern Nall
2 – Tim Boldt	20 – Guy Stead
2 – Jerry & Joy Schewe	26 – Phil Swift
2 – Greg & Mary Sieckman	26 – Wayne Wodarz
2 – Linda Thomas	27 – Steve & Maxine Lane
7 – Ann Cooley	29 – Terri Ellis
13 – John Urness	30 – Howard Crofoot

JULY

11 – Leon Neuheisel
26 – Arnie Roper
29 – Gary & Eileen Engelke

AUGUST

17 – Steve & Maggie Kleisath
18 – Jim Olds
20 – Anne Klawiter
22 – Virgil Pufahl
23 – Ken Kamps
31 – Gary Munson

Happy Anniversary to Member & Spouse



MEMBERS RECOGNIZED WITH AWARD FROM OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL

Congratulations to Charlie Clark on recruiting 10 members during his tenure as a Platteville Optimist and to Becky Schambow for recruiting her first member. Both were recognized with pins from Optimists International.

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OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

JUNE

5.30 – June Board Meeting 7 AM
11 – Grant County Dairy Breakfast
14 – Flay Day
18 – Father's Day
21 – Summer begins

JULY

4 – Independence Day
6 – Board Meeting 7 AM
27 – Party in the Park

AUGUST

1 – Board Meeting 7 AM
16-20 – Grant County Fair
26 – Potosi Brew Fest
29 – Sept. Board Meeting 7AM



FAREWELL...WE'LL MISS YOU

As we enjoy welcoming new members into our club, at times we find we also have to say farewell, unfortunately. Ann Cooley, Old National Bank, has dropped her membership. She enjoyed her time with the Optimist; however found the drive into Platteville with the 7 AM meeting time was just not working.



Congratulations to Gary and Eileen Engelke on the birth of their new Granddaughter, Ruby Elizabeth. Ruby is the Daughter Ben and Lindsey and arrived on Saturday, May 27.

Promise Yourself



2017
NOW
SPRING
LUNCHEON

