

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”***

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Attendance: 27 Members – Joan Bahr, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

We Don't Give Up Easily!!

~ Ron Weier announced that he has sponsored another new member, Brigid Reimann, Ag Instructor at Platteville High School and also coordinator for PCA volunteers.

Get Well Wishes: A get well card was signed for Chris Budden who is recovering from knee surgery.

Mystery Greeter: Kevin Haertzen was called to duty this morning, greeting Beth Frieders.

Joker Draw: Pat Moxness was holding the lucky ticket, drawing the 2 of spades and receiving her \$2.00.

Announcements:

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements: n/a

Birthdays/Anniversaries: No birthdays this morning. Anniversary wishes were extended to Joan Bahr.

Pizza Party: Great turnout and great Pizza. President Wodarz acknowledged Pizzeria Uno for having us and providing us with a complimentary discount as well as Becky Schambow and the committee for coordinating the event. Duane Borgen bought the lucky ticket at the pizza party but winning was not to be. \$61.00 was added to the Joker Draw pot at the pizza party.

*At the pizza party, M Lane announced that the daughter of UWP Ladies Basketball coach Megan Wilson, who was a guest speaker earlier this year, will be undergoing Chemo treatments at UW-Madison. She stated they are selling wrist bands to support the family and a donation of \$200 from the joker draw funds was approved at the pizza party on motion of Bob Weier, second by Gary Engelke. This was an informational item for the membership. Wrist bands will be brought to the meeting.

Awards/Installation Banquet: October 7, Elks Lodge, Invite sent, signup circulated. Social will be from 5:15-6:00, followed by dinner and program. President Wodarz encouraged members to attend this annual event in support of the club and the new administrative team.

Membership Update: We are closing in on another 'first' with back-to-back years as a Distinguished Club.

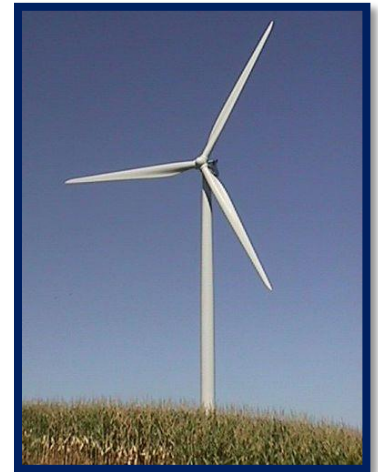
Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2018, Platteville Business Incubator



Program: Thanks to Peggy Compton for coordinating our speaker today.

With our presentation today, we learned more about something that has perhaps mesmerized many of us since watching the construction of these fascinating monsters on Hwy 81 to Darlington. Yes, we heard much more about what we call windmills; however, are properly known as wind turbines.

Brodie Dockendorf, has been with the industry over 13 years, working multiple capacities as well as various locations. For 9 years he served as Operations Manager for EDP Renewables, the 4th largest wind energy producer with presence in 13 markets globally. EDP Renewables North America, the 3rd largest operator in US, develops, constructs and operates wind and solar projects throughout US, Canada and Mexico. With the project on Hwy 81, known as Quilt Block Wind Farm, an opportunity presented itself to Brodie and he is currently the Operations Manager at the Quilt Block Wind Farm, and lives in Cuba City with his family.



The Quilt Block Wind Farm, located in Seymour Township of Lafayette County, began development in 2002-2003, started construction in April, 2017 and commercial operation commenced in October 2017. It just did not happen overnight! The Quilt Block Wind Farm consists of 49 wind turbines, each 311 feet tall plus an additional 160 feet for the blades. The area covered takes in 37 land owners and 16 miles of access roads. The Quilt Block Wind Farm project was a \$167 Million Dollar capital investment, powers 37,000 homes locally and electricity is sold to Dairyland Power Cooperative of Wisconsin.



Brodie shared many additional statistics with the group: 300 temporary construction workers at peak in 2017, local contractors, restaurants, hotels, etc. used during the project construction and continued maintenance of equipment, sponsorship of several school activities in Lafayette County, and ongoing job creation within the county.

In summary one word comes to mind...Phenomenal. Time was allowed for questions, of which we could have used more. Thank You, Thank You, Peggy and Brodie!

Weekly Speakers:

Thank you to Peggy Compton for coordinating our September speakers.

September 28: Sydney Soderbeck, Biology Senior, UWP - Jeff Jackson, Stewardship Specialist, Southwest Badger RC&D *Developing leadership through an Aquatic Invasive Species Internship*

Thank you to the Dan & Tom Team (Dan Engelke & Tom Nall) for coordinating October speakers.

October 5: Business Meeting

October 12: Jamie Collins, Marketing Director SHC – Talking Transgender: Jamie will share the joys, challenges, heartbreaks and triumphs she’s experienced on her journey to living authentically. (Coordinator, Charlie Clark)

October 19: Jean Napp, Astronomical League Master Observer, President of Starsplitters of Wyalusing State Park

October 26: Julie Stephenson, Occupational Health and Patient Experience Manager SHC

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call Bulletin by Maxine Lane

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