

# ROOSTER CALL

## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

Currently Meeting 7:00 AM Fridays at Country Kitchen, Hwy 151, Platteville, WI



*Becky Schambow, President*  
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***“To Impact the lives of youth  
in a positive and encouraging manner”***

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**Attendance:** 31 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Bob Hundhausen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Jen Schweigert, Jim Schweigert, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, and Ron Weier.

**Guests:** President Schambow acknowledged and welcomed our speaker, Tom Goodney and also welcomed Alyson Reeves, sister of Alaina Reeves as a guest this morning.

**Mystery Greeter:** Greg Sieckman was the mystery greeter, greeting Tom Nall who earned a free joker draw entry.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** No birthdays to report. Howard and Cathy Crofoot will celebrate their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Joker Draw:** Jim Schweigert drew the lucky ticket held by Maggie Kleisath. Maggie won \$2 by drawing the Jack of Spades.

### **Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:**

President Schambow announced she had received a thank you card from Dylan Pink. He will be competing in the OI Regional/National Oratorical Contest in Saint Louis in July. Dylan has been practicing his oratorical presentation by presenting it to various civic organizations including the Platteville Fire Department. He will present it to us again at the July business meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:**

- Thank you to the Fellowship Team for all their work in organizing the Golf Social on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. A good time was had by all. Check out the fun pictures on our social media.
- Party in the Park – Sign Up for Thursday, July 25.
- Christine Storlie, George Krueger, Bob Hundhausen, Austin Polebitaski, Beth Ballweg and Lori Velte, as well as Friends of Optimists, Faherty Inc., Steve’s Pizza and Memories Tour and Travel, from the Noon Club will be transitioning to our club.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sign-in:** President Schambow explained our new meeting sign-in procedure. The treasurer has been moved to just inside the meeting room door. Members can sign-in there before moving to the area for purchasing Joker Draw tickets. Hopefully this set-up will streamline our weekly sign-in experience.

## NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION:

### *Welcome Jim and Jen*

Jim and Jen Schweigert were officially installed as our newest members. The Schweigerts joined at the April NOW luncheon and are sponsored by Maxine Lane.



**Program:** Ken Kamps introduced Tom Goodney, an expert witness at trials, as our guest speaker. Tom grew up in upstate New York and enjoys making maple syrup, gardening and splitting wood by hand.



Tom was employed by John Deere for many years. He served as a blockman consulting for 42 John Deere dealerships and then as a design engineer. Tom came to John Deere in Dubuque when JD brought the yellow division (construction equipment) to Dubuque in 1969. At that time, he moved to Platteville and raised his family here.

In his later years with John Deere, Tom served as a forensic engineer. He explained that a forensic engineer prepares evidence for public debate. In this field, sticking with the facts, the truth and maintaining credibility are of utmost importance. In this role, Tom investigated death caused by forestry or agricultural equipment, resolution of insurance claims, product performance issues, and fire involving construction equipment. Tom detailed the steps taken to conduct a thorough investigation.

After taking an early retirement buyout from John Deere, Tom continued to work for the company as an expert witness for trials. This has become his avocation. He has worked in this capacity for not only John Deere, but also Caterpillar, Ford and Massey Ferguson. Tom's work has taken him to 49 out of 50 states with Hawaii being the only exception. He explained that 9 out of 10 cases are resolved without going to trial. He is currently working on 5 cases. Q & A followed.

***BOB AND PAT SAY HI AND THANKS  
FOR ALL THE SUPPORT!***

***HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY***



**Weekly Speakers:** Thanks to Karen Kurt for coordinating our July speakers.

July 5: Business Meeting

July 12: Ela Kakde, Director of Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation PAIDC

July 19: Karen Kurt, City Manager

July 26: Ashley Riniker, owner of D.I.E.T. (Do I Eat That?)

Minutes taken and drafted by Chris Budden