

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, January 12, 2018

<u>Attendance:</u> 25 Members – Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary

Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Dennis Helbing, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Bob Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: n/a

Mystery Greeter: Maxine Lane greeted Paul Budden, #1 for the day.

Joker Draw: Gary Engelke was holding the lucky ticket drawing the Jack of Hearts and settled for \$2.00!

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: No birthdays or anniversaries.

<u>Dime-A-Day:</u> CFR, Jerry Schewe, reminded the membership about the campaign during January. He also reminded the member of the Circle Club (an additional \$66.50 over the \$36.50) and Presidents Club, with a donation of \$250.00. He reminded members payments are accepted through the end of January.

Youth Activities:

*Essay/Oratorical: Both are currently in process with Gary Munson Chairing these events. The Oratorical Zone 6 Contest is scheduled for March 17 in Platteville.

*Tri-Star Basketball: Currently following up on available dates at UW-P.

<u>Post-Holiday Party:</u> January 20, 2018 at Elks Lodge. Still time to sign up and/or if you have signed up and you are now unable to attend, please let Becky Schambow know by January 15, 2018.

50th Anniversary Committee: Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 22.

Community Involvement Fair: Saturday, January 27 at the Platteville Library, from 10:00 - 1:00. We will host a table, staffed by Wayne and Maxine. Club brochures will be available along with applications, a listing of our Friends of Optimist and we have a refrigerator clip as a hand out. Other members were encouraged to stop by.

<u>Junior Optimist Club:</u> The opportunity to start a JOI Club was communicated to the membership, with a request for a volunteer to serve as Club Advisor. There has been no response to date.

<u>SWIS District 2nd Quarter Conference</u>: February 10 with a location change. Conference will be at First English Lutheran Church, lower level, from 8:00 - 3:00.









Program: We extend our Thanks to Becky Schambow for arranging our speaker this morning and throughout the entire month of January.

This morning we had the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Scott Houghton, Board Certified General Surgeon with Southwest Health Center. A native of South Dakota, Dr. Houghton obtained his Undergraduate Degree at South Dakota State University in Brookings. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, and graduated Summa Cum Laude. Dr. Houghton attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska where he earned his Medical Degree and did his Residency in General Surgery at Mayo Clinic where he also completed a Fellowship in the GI Research Unit. Having practiced in both referral centers and critical access hospitals, Dr. Houghton

brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Southwest Health Center.

Having worked in private practice in St. Cloud MN and Waterloo IA he responded to a position with Southwest Health and joined the staff in September, 2017. His decision to attend college after graduating from High School was 'encouraged' by his father. Not sure of his career path, conversations with family and friends led him into the field of medicine and his 'doing what needs to be done attitude' offered opportunity in various areas of medicine, eventually leading to his surgical profession.

Throughout his presentation, he focused on the types of surgeries he performs and those that he chooses to refer to other professionals.

Dr. Houghton stated he is a 'result oriented' surgeon, dedicated to having his patients doing better after the surgery than before the surgery. He respects the confidentiality of his patients and allows it to be their choice to speak if he happens to see them in public.

Time was allowed for questions.

Weekly Speakers:

January Programs, Coordinator, Becky Schambow

January19 – Steve McCarthy, SWHC Chief Operating Officer & Laura Reilly, Director of Clinic Nursing/Quality

January 26 – Andrea Pastor, Representative for Rotary's Foreign Exchange Program and Exchange student, Thanaree Hainak from Thailand. Thanaree will share insights on her country, her family, interests and her experiences through the exchange program.

Minutes taken by M Lane, drafted for Rooster Call.



