

# ROOSTER CALL

## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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***“To Impact the lives of youth  
in a positive and encouraging manner”***

**Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – March 15, 2019**

**Attendance:** 22 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Donna Gavin, Mike Hahn, Priscilla Hahn, Maxine Lane, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Brigid Reimann, Jerry Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Gene Weber, Wayne Wodarz.

**Guests:** Our speaker and also our member, Brigid Reimann, was introduced by Charlie Clark who also acknowledged the FFA students that were joining Brigid.

**Greeting for Bob Weier:** Maxine proved today that social media is not her area of expertise. Recording the Pledge of Allegiance, we had to do a ‘take 2’ as she could not locate the camera button. All was going well in the second attempt until in the middle of the Creed; she realized she had not pushed the record button. A partial Creed was recorded along with well wishes to Bob. Bob’s book was also circulated to those members who had not previously signed.

**Mystery Greeter:** Ernie was the designated hand shaker and Priscilla Hahn was the recipient.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** If you see Jerry Schewe or Paul Budden on March 19, wish them a Happy Birthday.

**Joker Draw:** Luck was with Gene Weber today, until he drew the 3 of hearts and settled for \$2.00.

**Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:** None to share with members this morning.

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

**Tri-Star Basketball:** The date is March 23 at UW-P Bo Ryan Court. Volunteer signup sheet was circulated.

**Brewer Game:** F Nall from the Fellowship Committee reminded members of the upcoming Brewer game, on May 24. There is still time to sign up if anyone is interested.

**Summer Golf Outing:** F Nall also had a signup sheet for anyone interested in the previously announced summer social Best Ball Golf outing. The committee is attempting to determine if there is enough interest and go forward with scheduling a date and time.

**NOW Luncheon:** The request for guest names for the upcoming luncheon was also distributed. C Clark announced we had 7-8 names; however, most were submitted by just one person. Hopefully, additional guest names will be submitted. An official invitation will be mailed from the membership committee.



**Program:** Charlie Clark introduced our speaker today, Brigid Reimann, an instructor at PHS, as well as FFA advisor. Brigid is also a member of our Platteville Optimist Club.

Originally from Hartford, WI, Brigid received her bachelor's degree from UW-River Falls, taught for two years at Merrill High School and has been with Platteville High School for the last four years. In addition to teaching,

Brigid is the mother of a four year old daughter, Poppy, and is currently the Platteville Arboretum coordinator.



To learn more about what the FFA Club does, a video was presented showing the members, of which there are 70, out and about in the community, on the farm and in the classroom. A second video was also presented showing a leadership retreat focusing on how leadership leads to success.

One might think FFA is primarily for rural students and primarily young men. We learned today that it is approximately a 50/50 split for both categories.

Joining Brigid was FFA students, pictured (L-R), Brigid Reimann, (front row), Cooper Withrow, Amber Lancaster, (back row) Branden Loeffelholz, Brandon Weigel, Marty O'Neill. They each took time to share with the members how they became interested in FFA and what their plans are after graduation (all are seniors with the exception of Cooper Withrow, who is a freshman).

As Editor, it is with pride, I acknowledge these students. Too often today, youth get a bad rap! It is unfair to put them all in the same

classification. These five students demonstrated pride, respect, courtesy, responsibility and what I believe to be appreciation for their instructor, Brigid Reimann. Time was allowed for Q & A.

**Weekly Speakers:** Thank you to Charlie Clark and Ron Weier for serving as our speaker coordinator for March.

**March 22:** Dr. Ray Sloan – Exploring the wonders of Peru

**March 29:** George Smith, Retired UW-P Professor – His collection of music

Thank you to Maxine Lane for coordinating our April speakers.

**April 5:** Business Meeting

**April 12:** Sally Stead and Kelly Hubbard – The bond of adoption.

Special Guest: Blakley Hubbard

**April 19:** Oratorical and Essay Winners – will recite/read their entry

**April 26:** Kelly Sponsler, Middle School Optimists (JOI Club)

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane



**Just in case you are interested!**

**We will be placing an order for fleece jackets and/or fleece vests as there has been a request.**

**If interested, email Max, [msmacy105@yahoo.com](mailto:msmacy105@yahoo.com) before Monday, March 25th.**

**We will also order t-shirts for the upcoming Cheese Curd season. If interested, contact Max before April 10. Order will be placed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Max if interested. Our early order will avoid the busy season with sports team shirts.**