

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, May 26, 2017

Attendance: 24 Members – Laura Brown, Charlie Clark, Hap Daus, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Tom Fall, Leon Neuheisel, Mike Olds, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier

Mystery Greeter: Maggie Kleisath was greeted this morning by Leon Neuheisel.

Joker Draw: Greg Sieckman was holding the lucky ticket when the number was drawn. But ‘no joker’ was to be, drawing the Queen of Spades.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Barb Stockhausen and John Adams were celebrating a wedding anniversary today and on Monday, May 29, Hap and Barb Daus will celebrate.

Thank You Note: President Haertzen announced that the award confirmation letter on the PCF grant was received and we were approved for a grant. The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 8,, at the Community Room of Wisconsin Bank and Trust. Ron Weier will be there representing the Platteville Optimist along with Luke Peters from the City. The grant will be utilized to bring the Mississippi River Museum program to Platteville.

OI Awards: President Haertzen again acknowledged Charlie, Maxine and Becky on the awards they received for recruiting new members. He further thanked all members who at one time or another recruited a new member into our organization.

Program:

This morning we enjoyed our final presentation for our month of public service presentations.

Fern Nall introduced Grant County Sheriff Nate Dreckman. A twenty-one year veteran with the Grant County Sheriff's Office, Nate assumed the position as Sheriff in August, 2012.

Nate revisited a program we heard about back in October, 2016, ‘Kids in Crisis’. He brought with him a sample of the tote and books that are a part of each squad car at all law enforcement agencies within Grant County used to minimize an unpleasant experience for children who are involved in a family crisis. Books are geared to all ages. This program is managed by Beth Keeney who has personally conducted fund raisers to purchase books and the bags have all been donated by a Lancaster business. Nate stated the program is doing well with many books already having been used and replaced in squad cars and the supply in storage will provide books for some time to come.

Of interest to everyone, Nate continued his presentation with information and blue prints on the new Grant County Jail facility, which will also house Grant County Social Services and ADRC. Nate explained some of the primary concerns as to why a new facility is, without question, necessary.



The current facility is unable to and/or poorly equipped to handle multiple situation, ie, medical, mental health, drugs, increase in population, especially females, and to comply with HIPPA regulations, many of the improvements are mandatory to comply with changes in these regulations. The blue prints provided a clear image of the layout and the monitoring technology that will be enhanced to observe inmates with camera, video and direct line of sight. The current facility is equipped with 66 beds, which recently has been hovering around 60 inmates. With the increase in female population, which requires total separation from the male population, some inmates are transported to other facilities, which is a cost to Grant County. The new facility will have 100 beds.



Nate stated the project will be put out for bids in July, with ground breaking to take place near the end of July. Anticipated completion date is December, 2018, with a public open house prior to occupancy. Nate responded to many, many questions and he was thanked for the service he provides to our county and communities.

Weekly Speakers: **June Programs, Coordinator(s), Ken Kamps**

June 2 – Business Meeting

June 9 – Jon Meidinger (Senior Center)

June 16 – Larry Bowden (Platteville Brewery)

June 23 – Dr. Jeff White (presenter and induction as new member)

June 30 – Brian Allen, EMS Director

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