

# 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”***

### Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin - Business Meeting – July 13, 2018

**Attendance:** 35 Members – Joan Bahr, Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Gary Jones, Lu Jones, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Gary Munson, Tim Murphy, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Gene Weber, Wayne Wodarz.

**Guests:** Charlie Clark introduced Tim Schwaller, a former counseling associate, visiting in Platteville. Tim is from Milwaukee and is an instructor for individuals pursuing a career as a counselor.

**Mystery Greeter:** Kevin Haertzen was shaking hands this morning and the lucky recipient of his hand shake for a free entry into the joker draw was Joan Bahr.

**Joker Draw:** Last three digits, 182, belonging to Carley Borcharding, only to draw the 9 of clubs.

**Sippy Cup Award:** Linda was ‘right on the ball’ this morning, delivering a ‘Sippy Cup Award’ to Howard Crofoot, who earned this prestigious award having spilled his orange juice. Can’t get by with anything at an Optimist Morning Meeting! Thanks for being a good sport Howard!

#### **Announcements:**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** One birthday this morning, Gary Engelke on July 15.

\***Party in the Park** – July 26, signup circulated for volunteers  
Will honor ‘volunteer of the year’  
JOI Club members will be present to help

\***Cheese Curd Committee** will be meeting to finalize changes

\***Grant County Fair** – August 15-19, signup will be coming soon

\***Football Craze** – 20 tickets out of 100 remain, would like to sell, good fundraiser for our club.

\***JOI Club Fundraiser:** Fidelity Bank & Trust will be hosting a Brat feed on Friday, July 20 with proceeds going to JOI Club. President Wodarz encourages members to support for the benefit of our JOI Club.

\***SWIS District Conference:** August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Waukesha. Several members are planning to attend.

\***International Conference Update:** G Engelke briefed the members on the International Conference held in Ottawa Canada. Attended by 1000, people, stated he met and made many new friends. Briefly mentioned a suggestion that surfaced, proposing a change in the Optimist Creed; however, immediately declined. Also an issue of a former Optimist Member taking children on an outing and an insurance claim that has since surfaced with OI. He further mentioned that the 2019 International Conference will be held in Louisville KY.



\*Passing of Lloyd Linden: Lloyd was a Charter Member, and passed away on July 10. A gathering of Optimist Members was suggested to attend the visitation. Following an email, the club was respectfully represented by Wayne Wodarz, Charlie Clark, Bob Stephens, Tom Nall, Maggie Kleisath and Maxine Lane.

**Program:** Thanks to Charlie Clark for arranging to have Kent Scheuerell speak with our members this morning on what was a very emotional presentation, ‘Living & Caring for a spouse with Alzheimer’s’.



We met a real ‘hero’ this morning, Kent Scheuerell! When I first learned of who was speaking on July 13 and the topic, I was looking for an excuse not to attend. How thankful I am I could not come up with an excuse. I personally left our meeting this morning, as I’m quite sure others did as well, feeling blessed to have what I have and to look at issues, I think are substantial, to be a little less important.

I question myself as to whether I can truly do justice to the presentation made by Kent, so I’ve summarized in what I took away from his presentation.

Kent survives every day with support teams, Alzheimer’s Alliance, Homeward Bound, Memory Café’s, assistance with outside work, etc. etc. His primary focus, day in and day out, is caring for and making life happy for his wife, Carolyn,

We met Carolyn this morning, through her spouse, Kent Scheuerell. We heard about Carolyn as a loving wife, mother, sibling, her career at State National Bank, her tendency for accuracy and neatness, her complete and overall positive outlook on life! Carolyn will turn 71 in August. At the age of 62-63, during the last year before Kent’s retirement, ‘things’ for Carolyn seemed to be somewhat out of sync. Not just ‘one’ thing, but a combination of ‘things’.

There was an ‘elephant’ in the room and no one was ready to talk about the ‘elephant’. The day came when they, Kent and Carolyn, had to face the fact; Carolyn was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. Sad, but true, Carolyn knew at that point what lay ahead of her.

Today is a different time, Carolyn lives in the moment, enjoys music and dancing. She is cared for 24/7, still recognizes Kent and depending on the day, thinks Kent is a ‘nice guy’; however, Kent is unsure if she still recognizes her children. He arranged for a 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration as he knew at 50 Carolyn perhaps would not realize the joy associated with the event. He celebrates her birthday every year with family as a way of bringing fun and laughter into her life. Kent continues to become educated on this dreadful disease and continually looks for ways to have fun with his wife, Carolyn, of 48 years.

Kent stated, “Life chooses you”. Life chose Kent and Carolyn to deal with this devastating life challenge. He was open to questions from the members and encouraged everyone dealing with individuals who have Alzheimer’s, to **Give Hugs** and **Be Happy!**

**Weekly Speakers:** Thank you to Duane Borgen for coordinating our July speakers.  
July 20 – Bill Kloster/Alaine Olthafer-Lange – Municipal Airport fly-in breakfast, etc.  
July 27 – Scott Sandholm – 20 years of NASA Global Troposphere  
(K Haertzen coordinator)



Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call Bulletin by Maxine Lane



**We want to see YOU  
at Party in the Park  
Thursday, July 26!**