

# 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 – September 28, 2018**

**Attendance:** 32 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Beth Frieders, Mike Hahn, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

**Guests:** Mike Hahn introduced his wife, Priscilla, announcing she will become a member.

**Mystery Greeter:** Dan Engelke was on the receiving end, earning a free ticket to the joker draw.

**Joker Draw:** Howard Crofoot was once again holding the lucky number, only to draw the 9 of diamonds.

### **Announcements:**

**Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:** Acknowledgements were received from Sports Boosters and Music Boosters.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** One birthday to acknowledge this morning, Doug Martin on October 2. Anniversary wishes were extended to Brad Mootz on September 29 and Janelle Davis on October 3.

**Bracelets for Megan Wilson’s Daughter:** Bracelets were received and distributed. A picture with “High 5’s” was taken and will be sent to Megan for her daughter showing our care and support.

**Awards/Installation Banquet:** October 7, Elks Lodge. Social will be from 5:15-6:00, followed by dinner and program. President Wodarz encouraged members to attend this annual event.

**Membership Update:** We will be celebrating another ‘first’ with back-to-back years as a Distinguished Club.

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday, October 2, 2018, Platteville Business Incubator



**Message from Wayne:** Thank you for making this a fun, exciting and productive year for our Club! It has been an honor to be part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Year.



**Program:** Thanks to Peggy Compton for coordinating our speakers throughout September. Today was certainly no disappointment, hearing from Jeff Jackson, a Stewardship Specialist with Southwest Badger Resource Conservation and Development Council, a/k/a an RC and D and Sydney Soderbeck, a senior at UW-P, majoring in Biology and worked as an intern for SW Badger this past summer.

Southwest Badger is a non-profit conservation organization serving 9 counties in Southwest Wisconsin. Jeff focuses on preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species in Grant, Lafayette, Iowa and Green counties. Jeff's favorite part of his job is leading canoe trips on local rivers to look for new invasive species.

The presentation covered three areas:

- Aquatic Invasive Species – what they are, how they spread and why we care.

AIS are non-native plants, animals and pathogens that cause harm to the economy, environment or human health and are found in or close to the water. One of the most common ways AIS are spread is through equipment that is moved from one body of water to another. Some ways this happens is with watercraft, bait buckets, waders, and other related fishing gear as well as grass clippings that enter the water. The need to control AIS has beneficial impacts to ecological, economic and recreational aspects of the environment.

- Southwest Badger RC&D, why did we offer an internship?

The need for additional help to teach boaters how to help in controlling AIS, created the opportunity for an intern. Boaters were provided information on inspecting their equipment, removal of any plants and animals, draining water from boats, vehicles and equipment and sharing the importance of never moving plants or live fish away from a body of water.

- The intern, her goals and experience.

Finally, we heard from Sydney on her experience. Sydney comes from the Milwaukee area, a Biology major at UW-P. She found the opportunity of interest: it provided her with being outside; being able to study one on one the various types of AIS; actually entering her findings into a data system; deal face to face with the boaters; advising them of the need to work with the DNR in doing their part to help control Aquatic Invasive Species.

A slide presentation added statistical information during the presentation and time was allowed for questions.



### **Weekly Speakers:**

Thank you to the Dan & Tom Team (Dan Engelke & Tom Nall) for coordinating October speakers.

**October 5:** Business Meeting

**October 12:** Jamie Collins, Marketing Director SHC – Talking Transgender: Jamie will share the joys, challenges, heartbreaks and triumphs she's experienced on her journey to living authentically. (Coordinator, Charlie Clark)

**October 19:** Jean Napp, Astronomical League Master Observer, President of Starsplitters of Wyalusing State Park

**October 26:** Julie Stephenson, Occupational Health and Patient Experience Manager SHC

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