

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Friday, October 24, 2014

Attendance: 22 Optimists, with nine wearing their Optimist shirts.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier greeted Ken Kamps, who 'reinvested.'

Joker Draw: Today's speaker, Pastor Eric Erickson had his ticket drawn for the Joker Draw, and he drew the Jack of Diamonds. Consolation prizes were a travel bank, umbrella, and golf tees, won by Steve Lane, Ron Weier and Ken Kamps.

Business Meeting:

- ++ Maxine made mention that today was the last meeting for Ken for a few months as he and his lovely wife will be heading south for the winter. With an upcoming birthday, we all sang Happy Birthday to Ken. In Ken's absence, John and Duane will step up to the plate for our treasurer duties.
- ++ Today was Sue's (Our Very Competent Waitress) Birthday also and we sang to her also.
- ++ Max made note that the Lieutenant Governor will be coming to our board meeting on November 4th and invited anyone who would like to meet her to come to the meeting.

Program:

Pastor Eric Erickson from the Community Evangelical Free Church was our speaker today. Eric gave us all special insight into his journey through his life to this point. How he started, where he went and what helped him get to where he is today. There were a few individuals in particular who were instrumental in some of the choices Eric made throughout his life. He was active in scouting and as a teenager, worked at Canyon Camp. He always enjoyed working with young people and helping them learn. A year was spent on the Jersey Shore which in turn changed the direction of his life. He taught and coached for several years in Monroe. In 1995 he and his wife went to the Philippines where he was going to teach, but ended up being boarding school parents for Faith Academy. They were "parents" for 21 boys, so his wife was the only female in the home. Quite a challenge for her.

Eric has been with the church in Platteville since April and truly enjoys the members and the community. One statement he used more than once in his presentation really sticks. "There are always points in our lives where we make decisions and those decisions determine our future."