

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

CURRENTLY MEETING 7:00 AM FRIDAYS AT COUNTRY KITCHEN, HWY 151, PLATTEVILLE, WI

Friday, February 19, 2016

Attendance: Twenty-eight Optimists were in attendance today. (no shirt count done)

Guests: Ed White from PBII

Mystery Greeter: Steve Lane greeted Diane Van Natta

Joker Draw: Arnie Roper's ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. Arnie drew and got \$2.00. This was the second week in a row for Arnie to test his luck.

Business Meeting:

++ Ron showed the brochures with the names of our local officers added to them. He encouraged us to use them when we talk to someone about becoming a member or "Friend of Optimist."

++ Ed White was awarded his plaque for becoming a Friend of Optimists. Judy Klein from Benevento's will receive her plaque later. Maxine received a pin for recruiting them.

++ There are no Wedding anniversaries, birthday's or Optimist Membership anniversaries to report.



(l to r) "Recruiter" Maxine Lane, Pres. Ron Weier, and new Friend of Optimist Ed White.

Speaker: Maxine Lane introduced Hap Daus, an active member of our club, to enlighten us about being a Ham Radio Operator and SKYWARN Spotter. Hap became an FCC licensed Amateur Radio (Ham Radio) operator in 2002 and renewed his license in 2012. Because of the uses of their equipment most ham operators also become storm spotters.

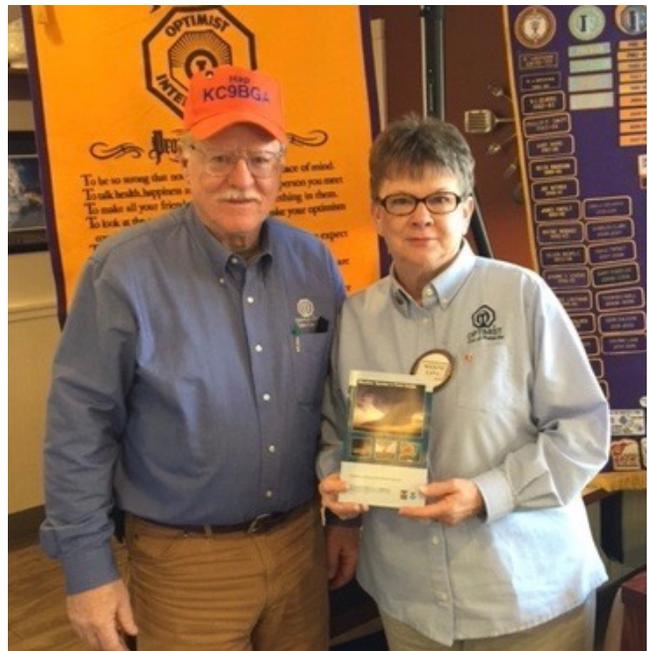
The Weather Spotter's Field Guide, provided to those in attendance, illustrated a variety of clouds, explained the features of the weather they create as well as ways that spotters protect themselves while spotting. Two types of clouds he pointed out in the book were the Wall clouds, lower clouds attached to the main storm tower and often on the trailing side of a storm, and Anvil clouds, the most dangerous and found on the top of another cloud.

Weather spotters are trained to identify the clouds and understand their power. Understanding thunderstorms and lightening is also important. Lightening associated with thunderstorms can

approach. The best saying to remember is *WHEN THUNDER ROARS, GO INDOORS!* He told of an experience he had with lightening and we all gasped.

Weather stations depend on spotters to provide the best information during a storm as they are in the area of the storm. Ham operators in our area work with several weather stations, but mostly with the Lacrosse station. During the question and answer period he reassured us that the Platteville tornado came up to quickly for any spotters to locate or report.

It was interesting to hear about communicating with people in different countries also. The ham radios use a variety of frequencies which he explained. He also explained how the signals are sent and some of the terms used by the operators. He invited us to come and experience the ham radio with him if we are interested.



Our speaker (and long standing member!!) Hap Daus with past president Maxine Lane.

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