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"



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Attendance: 32 Members – Jim Boebel, Tim Boldt, Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Penny Droessler, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Haas, Kevin Haertzen, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Ernie Thalmann, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz, Guests: n/a



Member Award: President Schambow announced and acknowledged Chris Budden as she was our 2019 Volunteer of the Year. Photo and comments will be published in the September newsletter.

<u>Speaker:</u> President Schambow stated our speaker for today did not show up. She further thanked Howard Crofoot for offering to share highlights of the Optimist International Convention in Louisville.

Mystery Greeter: Wayne Wodarz announced that Gary Munson was in the right place at the right time!

<u>Birthdays/Anniversaries</u>: No birthdays to celebrate. Upcoming anniversaries announced were Arnie Roper, today July 26 and on July 29th, Gary and Eileen Engelke.

Joker Draw: Ken Kamps was holding ticket #911, cutting to reveal the 9 of diamonds.

<u>Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:</u> President Schambow commented that Maxine had received a thank you from the Pink family, stating although Dylan did not win or place in the Oratorical competition in St. Louis, it was an experience he/they will remember always. W Wodarz stated he will visit with the family to see if he can arrange for Dylan to join a meeting and share some highlights.

OLD/NEW REMINDERS:

- Grant County Fair Jim Boebel volunteered for the last open position.
- Reminder on August 23 we will travel to Kieler Farms, car pool from Country Kitchen.
- Final day to register for the 4th quarter SWIS District conference.
- Pizza party scheduled for September 18 at Uno's
- Awards/Installation Banquet scheduled for September 29 at Elmo Club
- G Engelke reminded members that Fund Czar Tickets are still available for sale. He requested support as he had sold 60 out of 90 tickets and asked for member help.
- Stuff the bus donations for Platteville School District will be August 2, 9, 16 (cash or supplies)

Program: What happens when a speaker does not show? At an Optimist Club of Platteville meeting, there is always a member with an interesting story. Today, it was a pleasure to have club member







Howard Crofoot share highlights of the recent Optimist International Convention held in Louisville KY. In addition to Howard, other members attending this OI Convention were Gary and Eileen Engelke and Steve and Maxine Lane. The convention was the 101st for Optimist International, which was originally founded in Louisville KY 100 years ago. Approximately 1,000 people attended this landmark event, give or take a hundred more or less, from all over the world. To commemorate this event, on the first day a walk was organized with member clubs displaying/carrying their banners, and walked to the location where the very first convention was held. A historical marker was unveiled identifying/honoring Optimist International.

Each of the following days and evenings were full of training sessions, guest speakers, and hospitality suits hosted by Optimist Club from Canada, the Caribbean and the United States. In addition to the adult convention, there were some 500 youth in attendance, all members of JOI Club throughout the world. Howard mentioned that the OI Convention in 2020 is in Schaumberg, just a short drive away. He, as well as Gary Engelke, encouraged attendance as this convention is for anyone. The friendships that are built between Optimist members are lasting.

Weekly Speakers: With the support of other Optimist Members, Bob Weier has done an excellent job coordinating speakers for August.

August 3: Business Meeting

August 9: Dr. Jeff White, the difference between DO, PA, NP,

August 16: Lori Laufenberg, Snap Fitness, Nutrition/Physical Fitness

August 23: Road trip to Kieler Farms

August 30: Jim Boebel, Superintendent Platteville School District

Help Stuff the Bus Cash or School Supplies Aug. 2, 9, 16

Shirts are still available **Contact Max** msmacy105@yahoo.com

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

Maxine is looking for someone to take notes at the meeting on Sept. 13. If you can help, please contact Max at msmacy105@yahoo.com or 608-778-7786