

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

Currently Meeting 7:00 AM Fridays at Country Kitchen, Hwy 151, Platteville, WI

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, June 23, 2017

Attendance: 29 members attended –Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz and our new member, Dr. Jeff White who was installed today

Guest: Becky Schambow brought her neighbor Carly Borcharding to learn about the Optimist Club

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier was greeted today by Dave Jones.

Joker Draw: Lucky ticket today belonged to Peggy Compton who drew the 5 of hearts and received \$2.00 for her efforts.

Announcements:

***Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Birthday: None

Anniversaries: Phil Swift (06/26), Wayne Wodarz (06/26), Steve & Maxine Lane (06/27), and Terri Ellis (06/29)

***Wisconsin Bank & Trust** Eileen Engelke presented the club with \$150 donation from the Wisconsin Bank and Trust employees who paid to wear blue jeans to work.

***Thank Yous:**

***Black Hawk Area Boy Scouts** sent a thank you for our donation of \$200.

***Badgerland Girl Scouts** sent a thank you of a box of Girl Scout cookies for each one attending the meeting today to show their appreciation for our donation. Thank you Maggie Kleisath for delivering the cookies.

***Platteville Special Olympics** sent a thank you for our donation to them.

***Optimist Summer Social Survey** was introduced by Charlie Clark. The survey covers two questions: the type of event, and possible dates and times for the event. Purpose of the survey is to help decide what social activity the club would like to participate in. Copies were passed out at the meeting. Maxine will also send out an email to allow everyone to have input. Deadline for returning the surveys to Becky Schambow is Friday, June 30.

*Upcoming SWIS District Quarterly Conferences-August 17-20, Milwaukee, WI (Annual Convention)

Installation of New Member: Dr. Jeff White became our newest member was sponsored by Ron Weier and Wayne Wodarz. Ron is shown giving Dr. White his pin to wear as he presented to the club today. Welcome to the club Dr. White.



Program: Ron Weier introduced Dr. Jeff White who is a Family Practice Physician at Medial Associates. Dr. White has spoken to our club on other occasions about insurance. Today he covered the health care plans before the senate and the house as well as compared them to Obama Care. To prepare Dr. White had read both the Senate Better care Reconciliation Act of 2017 which is 148 pages and the American Health Care Act of 2017, the house version of health care.



Both plans give tax credits. He described briefly some examples of the tax credits. House bill credits are based on age with older citizens receiving less whereas the senate bill will incorporate income levels as well as age into their formulas.

Medicaid will be gutted by both proposals. He described how the states will have to make up for the lost revenue and some of the tax credits offered by both as well as a description of how various populations including disabled, students, etc. will be affected by the health care bills.

He went on to describe the ways the money will be distributed to the states and who stands to benefit from the health care plan when it is finally adopted. He ended on a good note when asked if either bill will place local hospitals in financial danger. He said that Southwest Health and Mercy Medical have good financial structures. He was not sure about Finley, but thought they were sound also.

Weekly Speakers: June/ July Programs, Coordinator(s), Ken Kamps & Paul Budden

- June 30- Brian Allen, EMS Director (Ken Kamps)
- July 7 - Business Meeting (Special guest, Parker Velte)
- July 14 - Jon Meidinger, Senior Center (arranged by Ken Kamps)
- July 21 - Dave Niehaus, Fire Inspector for Platteville
- July 28 - Melissa Lovell, Platteville's first female Firefighter

~~~~Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Fern Nall