

# ROOSTER CALL



## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

### Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin - Friday, February 24, 2017

**Attendance:** 24 Members – Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Fern Nall, Tom Fall, Leon Neuheisel, Mike Olds, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

**Mystery Greeter:** Beth Frieders was our greeter this morning, with Dan Engelke the mystery recipient.

**Joker Draw:** Dan was 2 for 2 this morning; however winning was not to be, cutting the 10 of diamonds.

### **Announcements:**

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Happy Birthday was sung to Beth this morning, celebrating on February 26.

**PHS Scholarship Banquet:** President Haertzen stated we would be at this event on February 25.

**SWIS District Conference** President Haertzen commented the conference was very informative, dealing with generational differences in building membership. He called upon Howard for a couple presentations: Howard presented Ron Weier with his President Honor Club recognition and presented to Maxine a plaque for having served as the 2015-2016 SWIS District Host.

**Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 @ PBII, 7:00 AM

**Tri-Star Basketball:** Bo Ryan Court, UWP April 23

**Membership Luncheon:** April 8 at First English Lutheran Church

**Program:** Duane Borgen introduced Steve Braun, Director of Grant County Emergency Management. Steve has served as Emergency Management Director since July, 1999 and also currently serves as Fire Chief in the city of Lancaster.

Much to everyone's surprise, Steve informed the membership that Grant County is the most disaster prone county in Wisconsin, primarily due to flash floods as has been experienced for several years. Steve explained the cycle of Emergency Management, starting with Preparedness, which includes training in many areas to multiple entities (public safety personnel, hospitals, police departments, fire departments, etc.). Response is next in the cycle followed by Recovery, which both of these take into consideration both the public and private sector. The final phase in the cycle is Mitigation, what can be done to lessen and/or prevent the impact of disasters.

Steve stated there is a regional network within Grant County and surrounding counties that partner together to address specialized needs related to various types of disasters



A Technical Rescue Trailer, utilized by the regional network, carries Equipment necessary in rope rescues, hazardous material, confined space rescue, swift water rescue, ice rescue, urban search and rescue plus others. They are working on preparedness for mass shootings, which Steve confirmed the Police Departments currently have a very effective plan in place. They are working on a plan that would supplement the local police.

Steve responded to many questions from members and stated if interested, there are many ways people can volunteer to help people in need when a disaster hits.

Weekly Speakers: **March Programs, Coordinator(s), Ron Weier**

**March 3 – Business Meeting**

**March 10 – Gene Tesdahl, History Professor at UW-P (French/Historic Encampment/Other)**

**March 17 – Christopher Baxter, Soil Judging Team from UW-P)**

**March 24 – Lindsay Hollingsworth/Jen Collins, Student abroad program**

**March 31 – Tim Zauche, Thrivent Charitable giving program**



**Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane.**