

November 1, 2024 Business Meeting

Those in attendance included Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Stephanie Cooley, Carter Cushman, Terri Ellis, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Curt Fatzinger, Robin Fatzinger, Linda Foht, Beth Frieders, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Maxine Lane, Clinton Langreck, Doug Martin, Michael Miller, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier.

Jeff White has a birthday on November 7. Member anniversaries this month are Joy Schewe (November 16, 2015), Dan Engelke (November 19, 2015) and Mark Essex (November 1, 2019)

Gary Engelke greeted Linda Thomas

Free Breakfast recipients: Breakfasts need to be redeemed in November.

- Present -- Bob Stephens and Doug Martin
- Not Present -- Mark Haas (for the second consecutive month) and Becky Schambow.

Maxine Lane drew the Joker.

Announcements – Information Shared:

- Bob's Useless Information of the Day -- The Aztecs believed sun power was derived from blood sacrifice. Actually, the sun's power is derived from nuclear fusion, which is very efficient and doesn't have negative bi-products like nuclear fission. Scientists in California have developed a model that could possibly lead to nuclear fusion being used to provide energy.
- A sign-up sheet for 2025 speaker coordinators was circulated.
- A sing-up sheet for Salvation Army Bell Ringers was circulated

Moved by Gary Engelke, seconded by Paul Budden, to approve the October business meeting minutes. Passed

Summary of the Board Meeting from October 28, 2024 Meeting

Moved by the Board, seconded by Tom Nall, to approve the treasurer's report. Passed.

Committee Update Highlights:

Finance:

- Moved by the Board, seconded by Tom Nall, to accept the proposed 2024-2025 Internal Account and Youth Account budgets. Passed.

Fellowship:

- November coordinators are Maggie Kleisath and Beth Frieders
- Kris Wright will be the November 8 speaker, and will talk about trout streams
- There will probably be no Fifth Friday social until January
- Discussions will be held about a Christmas Social
- Based on survey results, there will probably be a spring social at Doreen and Dorothy's

New Business:

- Bob appointed Charlie Clark, Doug Martin and Ron Weier to review the club's financial procedures

- Moved by the Board, seconded by Paul Budden, to not meet on April 18, July 4, November 28, December 26 and January 2

Other Announcements

- Last year we added Salvation Army Bell Ringing as a new community service project. This year we are hoping to exceed our numbers from last year. As you can see from the sign-up sheet, we have a very good start. Please feel free to insert your name into the date and time slot you can help out or you can also call Maxine directly at 608-778-7786. Click here to sign up for Salvation Army [Bell Ringers](#) at Piggly Wiggly.
- Click here for 2025 [Speaker Coordinator Sign-Up](#)

November 8, 2024 Meeting

Terri Ellis experienced leading the group for the first time, and actually rang the bell to start at 6:59 a.m.!

Those in attendance included Tim Boldt, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Terri Ellis, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, Doreen Hlavaty, Dianne Jentz, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Michael Miller, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Libby Sides, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier, Kim Woodworth.

Guests were Kris Wright (speaker) and Clark Anderson.

There was no mystery greeter as no one was appointed to be the greeter.

A new deck of cards was needed for the Joker Draw since Maxine won last week, but no one remembered to bring a new deck. Mark Essex will draw a card next week.

Happy birthday to Brad Brogley (November 9) and Dorothy Price (November 11). Doug Martin was reminded of his anniversary coming up on November 11.

Items circulated were:

- A thank you note from OI Foundation Executive Director Craig Boring
- A sheet for members to sign-up to be on a committee
- A sign-up sheet for ringing a bell for the Salvation Army
- A sign-up sheet for members to be a speaker coordinator

Announcements

- Doreen was trying to fill her juice glass when she tipped the glass over. No sippy cup was awarded, though.
- Terri shared positive quotes from Audrey Hepburn, Kobe Bryant, and Betty White

Next week's speaker will be UW-P men's basketball coach Jeff Gard

Kris Wright talked about his experiences with trout stream ecology (reclaiming) and the partnership the UW-P biology department has with Trout Unlimited to monitor these streams for changes.

November 15, 2024 Meeting

Bob lightly rang the bell at 7:00.

Those in attendance included Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Amy Coffey, Howard Crofoot, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, Bob Hundhausen, Dianne Jentz, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Libby Sides, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests included Jeff Gard (speaker), Vince Gard, Hannah Gard, and Clark Anderson (who is now a member).

Doug Martin mysteriously greeted Howard Crofoot.

A Girl Scouts newsletter and Mining Museum newsletter were circulated.

Sign-up sheets for Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Speaker Coordinator were also circulated.

A new deck of cards was remembered this week for the Joker Draw. Mark Essex drew the Jack of Spades for last week's drawing and Paul Budden drew the Four of Clubs for this week.

Next week's speaker will be Mandi Jacquinot, who will update us on the Platteville Community Fund.

Bob's useless fact of the week started by talking about Lee Iacocca and the Chrysler K car, transitioned to the demand for tariffs on Japanese cars because they were outselling American cars, and concluded with Ronald Reagan rejecting tariffs in favor of car manufacturing utilizing better designs and technology to improve the quality of American cars.

UW-P men's basketball coach Jeff Gard explained to the members how the coaching staff works to improve an athlete's athletic ability, personal growth, and academics. In an Optimist exclusive, Jeff said he has no intention on leaving UW-Platteville.

November 22, 2024 Meeting

It was a packed house when Bob rang the bell at 7:00.

Those in attendance included Carley Borcharding, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Robin Fatzinger, Linda Foht, Beth Frieders, Doreen Hlavaty, Bob Hundhausen, Dianne Jentz, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Michael Miller, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Libby Sides, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, and Ron Weier.

The only guests were our speakers, Barb Daus and Mandi Jacquinot.

Chris Budden mysteriously greeted Beth Frieders.

Birthdays this week are Joy Schewe (November 24) and Mary Sieckman and Linda Foht (November 25). Birthdays the following week are Virgil Pufahl (December 1), Priscilla Hahn (December 4), and Libby Sides (December 5). No member is celebrating a wedding anniversary in the next two weeks.

We have received 8 tickets for Badger Camp's 1966 Event to be held Saturday, December 7 at Holiday Gardens in Potosi. Contact Jerry (schewe@centurytel.net) if you would like tickets.

The audit committee of Charlie Clark, Doug Martin, and Ron Weier said everything was good. No recommendations for changes.

The Board will be meeting via Zoom on Monday, December 2 at 7:00 a.m.

There is no meeting next week due to the Thanksgiving weekend.

December 6 will be the business meeting.

There is still time to sign up to be a Salvation Army bell ringer.

Bob's Useless Fact – while in college at UW, Bob was a waiter at The Monastery restaurant. Jorge was from Argentina, washed dishes, and was a pro tennis player. The only place to stay while attending Jorge's wedding in Argentina in 1990 was in the house of a young lady named Victoria. Victoria was dating someone else at the time, but that didn't seem to bother Bob as Victoria and he were married within the year.

Mandi Jacquinet and Barb Daus presented historical information on how the Platteville Community Fund originated, how it has grown since its 2002 inception, and what organizations have received grants.

November 29, 2024 Meeting

No meeting due to the Thanksgiving weekend.