

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Vision Statement: "To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

Attendance: Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Howard Crowfoot, Hap Daus, Terri Ellis, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, John Grothan, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Priscilla Hahn, Bob Hundhausen, David Jones, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Eileen McCartney, Leon Neuheisel, Melissa Palfrey, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Robert Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Rod Thomas, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz, Tim Wood,

Guests:

- Kelly McNiff – Speaker
- Rachel Emendorfer
- Maddy Williams
- Morgan Horstman
- Maiah Demask
- Linda Foht

Mystery Greeter:

- Becky Schambow was the Mystery Greeter, greeting Tim Boldt.

Anniversaries in next two weeks: None

Birthdays in next two weeks:

- Joy Schewe - Nov. 24th

- Mary Sieckman – Nov. 25th
- Virg Pufahl – Dec. 1st
- Priscilla Hahn – Dec. 4th

Joker Draw: (Coach) Kelly McNiff drew Charlie Clarks number and Charlie drew the Jack of Hearts, so Charlie did win \$2, but not the slightly larger dollar amount in the pot.

Mail /Thank You Notes /Club Acknowledgements / Special Announcements:

- Breakfast – Dan commented on the process of signing up for breakfast choice and then coming the following week and ordering it. Lately there has been an order imbalance. This week we need 17 larges and only 6 were ordered. Country Kitchen uses the pre-count to help have the food ready for us. Maxine suggested that we base the count off of Dwayne’s totals, not the pre-order numbers that we are doing now.
- Orientation Booklet for new members – Charlie Clark is looking for feedback on the new booklet. There is open space to potentially add member comments on what we get out of our continued membership. Watch your email for more.
- Notice of enrollment for 2nd semester at Madison College – Kaycie Wagner – *check to be sent to school as one of our 2018/2019 scholarship recipients.* Yeah.
- Presentation from OI – Maxine Lane: For 2017-18, we were a Centennial Distinguished District Club. Wayne received Centennial Distinguished District Club Mallet and Patch for the club. Wayne was presented with a certificate from OI, which Maxine read, and Wayne used the mallet for the first time at the meeting. Maxine received a similar certificate from OI. Maxine’s Mother will sew the patch on the banner.
- A thank you from the music boosters for funds received was passed around.
- Gary Engelke brought leftover soda (Mtn Dew). Please take one as you leave, look at the Optimists apparel, and order some.

Old Business / Reminders:

- Optimist Attire – please place orders for vests, sweatshirt, polo, or oxford shirts by Dec. 1st – *sign up today or contact Becky Schambow at 732-8981*
- There will no meeting the day after Thanksgiving.

New Business:

- Santa calling. Sign-up sheet being passed around. Please sign up.
- President Dan Engelke indicated his willingness to be meeting recorder for all of 2020.

Program: Kelly McNiff, UWP Women’s Basketball Coach – Update on Upcoming Season – recruited and introduced by Dan Engelke. (Doug Martin arranged for Kelly to speak).

Born and raised in Stevens Point, WI. She attended Pacelli High School for 4 years, then on to UW-Oshkosh where she played basketball for 4 years and 2 years as short stop on the softball team. She graduated in 2000 with an Exercise & Fitness

Management Major and Wellness promotion minor. She earned her certification as a personal trainer and began working at a small, private fitness club in Oshkosh. At this time, her coaching career began, beginning as a student assistant coach for the UW-Oshkosh women's basketball team. After that season, she began coaching varsity softball and basketball as an assistant at Oshkosh North High. These experiences led her to school at UW-Oshkosh, to get her education degree.

She has accumulated 18 years of coaching experience prior to coming to Platteville. She was the varsity head coach at De Pere High School for 4 years finishing with a 96-11 record. They were state runner up her first year, and they won a State Championship in her third year, experienced a 44-game winning streak, and was named Associated Press State Coach of the year in 2012. She was then assistant coach at UW-Oshkosh for 6 years. When Kelly came here, she brought with her two assistant coaches. She believes in surrounding yourself with great people.

Ten years ago, Kelly had a goal: to become a college basketball coach. At year zero, she felt that she knew it all. At year one into her goal, she felt she did not know much. At year five she felt more comfortable.

Rachael Emendorfer spoke a few words. When Kelly arrived, the team told her that they wanted to win and work hard while not neglecting other college experience, like homework, community experiences and outreach.

To date, the team is 5-0. The season with the team started on 10/15, and practices began on 10/20. Team activities continue until the season ends. Kelly commented on a modified portion of the Optimists Creed: to forget the success of the past, press on greater achievements of the future. Kelly told us a team goal: Finish in the top 4 in the conference. If that happens, they will host a home playoff game.

On 12/20/19, the team plays Lakeland College. This is a cause game: Lace Up for Cancer Youth Night. Dollars raised go to Wisconsin Hospitals and children with cancer.

Kelly was asked about recruiting. It is going on now. So far 12 campus visits. Four keys she is looking for to build a successful team: pride, accountability, respect and trust. She was asked how do you know who to recruit, and responded that this is a summer activity and also by going to games. Kelly says she is big on paying attention to details and that she wants area players. She was asked about pathway to WNBA: rare. Overseas is more possible, also state league play. She places an emphasis on academics. She said Division III basketball is about the maintaining a student and athlete balance. She and the assistant coaches act as academic coaches. She mentioned another goal: finish in the top 25 in basketball and GPA. The indicated her ideal team size is 18. This allows for some players to miss a practice due to academic commitments, etc., and the team can still conduct practices.

Each of the four team members who came shared their majors: Exercise Science and Psychology; Ag Business; Biology; and Psychology and Spanish.

Kelly indicated that their schedule has been intimidating with 5 games in 10 days. The last three games the team has started out great.

Kelly mentioned a big upcoming game is Wednesday, January 8, 2020: hosting UW-Oshkosh, and the Women's Sports Day game when we host UW-Stout on February 8th.

She concluded her talk around 7:50 saying she thought that Dan would be up to the task as meeting recorder for 2020.

Kelly, thanks for coming, speaking, and bring some of your players. It is appreciated.

Upcoming Speakers:

- ***November 29th - NO MEETING***
- **December 13: Katelyn Barr - Badger Camp experience**
- **December 20: Larry Lloyd - "Failing French and Growing in Grace - 15 years of being American on the French/Swiss border.**
- **December 27: Nick Martinez, Snap Fitness - Physical Fitness, appropriate at any age**
- **January 10th, 2020: Bob Hundhausen – How Elections Affect the Market**

Highlights of Meeting Recorded by: Kevin Haertzen