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"

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, September 7, 2018

Attendance: 33 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maxine Lane,

Don McReynolds.

Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Mike Olds, Hannah Rewey, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, and Wayne Wodarz.

<u>Guests:</u> We were honored to have 6 of the original charter members of the Platteville Optimist club with us this morning. They are Carl Nodorf, Jim Olds, Tom Jonas, Don McReynolds, Ken Kamps, and Wayne Willkomm.

Mystery Greeter: Chris Budden was greeted by Doug Martin today.

Monthly Breakfast Draw: These people are eligible for a FREE breakfast during September: Present: Duane Borgen and Gary Engelke Not Present: Joy Schewe and Ann Klawiter

Joker Draw: Jim Olds drew Barb Stockhausen's ticket. She got the Queen of Spades when she cut.

<u>Sippy Cup Award:</u> Barb won twice today as she was leaving the meeting there was a spill at her spot.

Announcements:

<u>Birthdays:</u> Lots of birthdays this week: Hap Daus (9/3), Jordan Holthaus (9/3), Deb McWilliams (9/4), Arnie Roper (9/5), Chris Budden (9/7), and Cathy Cotter (9/9). It was fun when Tom Jonas led us in singing Happy Birthday to Hap Daus in Chinese as they did when the club started.

Anniversaries: Deb McWilliams (9/4), Charlie Clark (9/8)

Membership Anniversary: It is a great to have an opportunity to recognize these members and Friends of Optimists for their years of service to our club. It is because of our members we can do what we do... "Bring Out the Best in Kids"



Kim Skemp-1982 ~ Wayne Wodarz 1987
Jerry Schewe-1992 ~Charlie Clark-2002
John Adams-2003 ~ Chad Holstein (2016)
Niehaus Plumbing-2015 ~ Queen B Radio-2016 ~ Heiser Hardware-2016

Business Meeting:

<u>Finance/Administrative:</u> Ken Kamps updated the membership on financials, providing the balance in both the internal account and youth account. Board recommended approval, Motion by club members Dave Jones and Paul Budden to approve. Motion Carried.

Other recommendations:

- ~The Board recommended (as in years past) that we subsidize the cost of the Installation Banquet, making it more affordable to those attending, as well as providing complimentary dinners to Award recipients and special quests, from Joker Draw excess.
- ~Pizza Party celebrating our Cheese Curd workers will once again be offered on September 19th. More information about the event will follow.
- ~Board discussed donation recipients request funding with the use of a form we had developed years ago that we have gotten away from using. We will revisit using this form for the upcoming year as we plan our budget, and request updates via speaker opportunities.

Youth Activities: Tim Boldt, Chair, Dan Engelke

Committee is looking at new possible events for next year, maybe partnering with a school for a trip or event, such as a hockey game, Corn Maze, etc.

Community Service: Ernie Thalmann, Chair

Stuff the Bus-Raised \$200 for school supplies. Maxine met with Taylor Sobotta and presented the check. (Photo in Newsletter) Board discussed and recommended "Passing the Pot" less frequently. We do not want to ask more of those that weekly attend our meetings. We will try to use this for Holiday Food Pantry and possible spontaneous happenings for those in need.

Membership/Club Building: Barb Stockhausen

We are losing three members due to relocation and other circumstances and need to replace them by September 30th in order to attain Distinguished Club status, which our club has never achieved in back to back years.

Fellowship/Weekly Programs: Becky Schambow, Chair

September Coordinator, Peggy Compton--Listing is posted later in the Rooster Call.

Publicity/Newsletter: Maxine Lane, Chair

September Newsletter-Wonderful job done by Maxine

Website Maintenance continues, Becky Schambow learning the ropes and making some progress

Cheese Curd: Kevin Haertzen, Chair

All is set for the weekend and we are hoping for Great Weather! May still need help with clean-up.

50th Anniversary: Wayne Wodarz, Chair

Parade update-Meet at First English Lutheran Church prior to parade lineup @ 8:30 am wearing Optimist shirts and a hat of choice, if desired. We will be transported to lineup position by 9 am. The New banner will be present. A golf Cart also provided for Charter Members

<u>Old Business:</u> Lanyards are available if you have not gotten one yet. A 50 cent fine for not wearing or bringing your name tag, will be collected on the "honor" system. Fund Crazr Raffle-86 or 100 tickets sold, netting our club over \$1100 when rebates are issued. Good job! And Good luck! The football season has started!

New Business:

Installation Banquet-Date has been set for Sunday, October 7th at the Elks Lodge. Signup Sheet will be forthcoming. Silent Auction items are needed, if you have anything to offer let Maxine know. AlM for Acceptance was the Board recommended recipient of our Auction earnings. Governor elect Maureen

Crombie will be present to induct new officers and Board members.

Friend of Youth



Unexpected Program:



Charter Members: Seated: Carl Nodorf and Ken Kamps Standing: Wayne Willkomm, Tom Jonas, Don McReynolds and Jim Olds

After the business meeting they had a good time relating their thoughts about the formation of the club 50 years ago and its growth. Ken Kamps served as the first president. As the club grew they moved their location to meet the needs of the group. It was interesting to see that they experienced the same problem as we have today...not many places serve breakfast.





Thank you for sharing your stories with us this morning!

<u>Weekly Speakers:</u> Thank you to Peggy Compton for coordinating our September speakers. **September 14**: Lori Wick and Bev Doll, UW-Ext-Area Youth Risk Behavior Survey

<u>September 21:</u> Brodie Dockendorf, Operations Mgr., Quilt Block Wind Farm-*Wind 101 (Overview of Windfarms)*

<u>September 28:</u> Sydney Soderbeck, Biology Senior, UWP - Jeff Jackson, Stewardship Specialist, Southwest Badger RC&D *Developing leadership through an Aquatic Invasive Species Internship*

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call Bulletin by Fern Nall