

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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



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***“To Impact the lives of youth
in a positive and encouraging manner”***

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Attendance: 36 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Mark Haas, Kevin Haertzen, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Eileen Nickels, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier,

Guests: President Schambow welcomed our speaker, Erik Flesch, Director of the Mining/Jamison Museum and also commented what a pleasure it was to have Eileen Nickels join our meeting this morning.

Mystery Greeter: Chris Budden was on the receiving end of a handshake by Dave Jones, receiving a free entry into the joker draw.

Joker Draw: The number was read and the lucky person was our surprise member this morning, Eileen Nickels, drawing the 3 of clubs. There was some comment that she would have to join our Friday morning meetings more often.

REMINDER: **NO MEETING** Friday following Thanksgiving!!

Announcements:

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

Thank you acknowledgements were received from:

Platteville Children’s Choir. President Schambow noted the dates of performances, as follows:

December 2, 1:30 PM – Brodbeck Auditorium

December 7, 7:30 PM – no location indicated

December 11, 7:30 PM – Platteville Municipal Auditorium

Platteville High School, thank you for scholarship support. President Schambow noted we are awarding two \$1,000 scholarships this year.

American Legion Auxiliary, received certificate of appreciation for contribution to Badger Girls State.

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Celebrating a birthday today, 11.16, Laura Brown. George Byykkonen and Mike Olds will celebrate on the 18th, Joy Schewe on the 24th and Mary Sieckman on November 25th.

Santa Calling: December 11, 12, 13. Signup sheet circulated. Members were encouraged to sign up.

New Brochures: President Schambow stated new brochures are available to pass along to potential new members. She further encouraged members to continue to invite guests to our Friday morning meetings.

Annual Holiday Party: Fellowship committee has our annual holiday party/white elephant gift exchange and the passing of the famous “shell lamp” scheduled for Friday, January 11th at the Elmo Club. Official invitation will be forthcoming.

53818 Article: Ron Weier mentioned, for those who had not seen it, the article on our Optimist Club in the recent 53818 publication. The article was accompanied by a nice picture of several members and covered the history and current events of the club.

Badger Basketball Tickets: Thanks to Arnie Roper for donating 4 Wisconsin Badger basketball tickets. He was unable to use them and donated to the Optimist Club. A bid of \$100 was accepted with these proceeds going back to the club.

Speaker Change: Karen Canny will join us on November 30 to update members on the Salvation Army. Brent Bowers, Wisconsin Badger Camp, will also join us.



Program: It is always interesting to receive updates on what’s happening within the city. It was a double pleasure this morning meeting, Erik Flesch, Museum Director and hearing about plans for the Mining/Jamison Museum.

Erik previously served as the Director of Development for Taliesin Preservation, a Spring Green based nonprofit, founded in 1990 to preserve and share the Wisconsin estate of architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Flesch earned his Master of Architecture degree from Taliesin, the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture in 2013. He was selected for the position of Museum Director after a national search yielded a field of 34 candidates. Erik and his wife, Sara, live in Mineral Point in an 1851 miner’s cottage near the Pendarvis historic site.

Erik stated he is honored to have been named Museum Director and is excited to contribute his experience to stewarding the facilities and collections of the Mining and Rollo Jamison Museums. He looks forward to growing audiences and further cultivating the community of stakeholders and supporters in support of our regional and mining history mission. He is spending time learning about the history of the Museum and is focused on continuing adding history through research. Erik is committed in his pursuit of excellence in the area of regional and mining history.

Erik covered historical facts and purposeful aspects of the Museum that are applicable yet today: “Celebrate the Miner”, reach out to youth through field trips, appropriately caring for the massive collection, and continue to steward our architecture. Erik acknowledged the Optimist members for their donation in 1978 of the 1930’s locomotive that continues today to be a favorite of children.

There are also plans to create opportunities to remember. Some upcoming events in 2019: seasonal events/celebrations, singing in the mine, August 2019 Miners Reunion in Platteville, Miners Ball, etc. The museum has some 10,000 visitors annually, 3,000 being children. The museum is always looking for new stakeholders to allow for restructuring and ongoing maintenance. Additional time was allowed for questions.

Visit: www.mining.jamison.museum to join their mailing list and learn of upcoming events.

Weekly Speakers:

Thank you to Maggie Kleisath for coordinating our November speakers.

November 30: Karen Canny, Salvation Army

Thanks to Gary & Eileen Engelke for coordinating our December speakers.

December 7: Business Meeting

December 14: UW-P Optimist Club Members

December 21: Maggie Kleisath, Girl Scouts

December 28: TBD



Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane