

# ROOSTER CALL



## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

### Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin ~ Friday, December 16, 2016

**Attendance:** 23 Members – \*Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, (\*11 wearing Optimist shirts) Tim Boldt, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Eileen Engelke, Beth Frieders, Dave Jones, Doug Martin, Fern Nall Mike Olds, Becky Schambow, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen

**Guests:** Angie Boldt, wife of Tim, joined the meeting prior to leaving for work. Angie had previously seen our speaker presentation scheduled for today and wanted an opportunity to say ‘hi’ to Lisa.

**Mystery Greeter:** Beth Frieders greeted Gary Engelke, earning him a free entry into the joker draw.

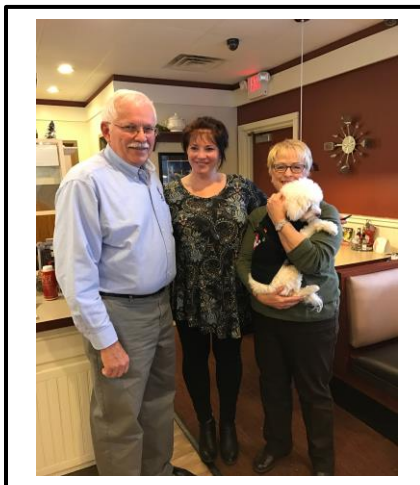
**Joker Draw:** Mike Olds had the winning ticket. He questioned if it were still the ‘joker’ draw or if perhaps it had been changed to the ‘king’ draw as he drew the king of hearts. Clever Mike, real clever.

#### **Business Meeting:**

- ~ Happy Birthday wishes were extended to Howard Crofoot (12/16), Kevin Haertzen (12/16) and Eileen Engelke (12/19). Anniversary wishes went to Dave Jones, celebrating 51 years (12/18)
- ~ Badger Camp Event wrap up: Ron and Bob Weier stated the crowd was down due to weather.
- ~ Bell Ringing: Barb Stockhausen requested if anyone has time they could use volunteers at Walmart.
- ~ Santa Calling: Howard stated approximately 60 kids were called over the three nights.
- ~ Visit to Bridgeview Commons: President Haertzen stated it was a great and thanked Gary Engelke.

#### **Program:**

Gary Engelke introduced Lisa Edge and her Wonder Dog, Noah. If there were one word to describe this presentation it would be “**Inspirational**”. Noah stole our ‘**Hearts**’ and Lisa made us believers in ‘**Hope**’ and reassurance that there are ‘**Good People**’ in this world. The product of a puppy mill in California, Noah was rescued by Lisa. Born without eyes and paralyzed back legs, he made his way around the room at Country Kitchen with his wheel chair when not being held and hugged by members. Lisa and Noah normally visit schools teaching children that everybody can be different but all are special. Her presentation leads into an anti-bullying presentation. Her goal is to turn feelings of sympathy from the kids into feelings of empathy. She also visits nursing homes as Noah is very calming to the elderly. Her message to dog owners....rescue, rescue, rescue. It is unfortunate the number of puppy mills in our country and the unfortunate circumstances that surround the innocent animals.



Weekly Speakers:

**December Friday Morning Programs, Coordinator(s), Gary & Eileen Engelke**

**December 23:** Diane Bolander, Director Jameson Museum

**December 30:** Pending

**January, 2017 Friday Morning Programs, Coordinator, Becky Schambow**

**January 6:** Business Meeting

**January 13:** Terri Slapak-Fugate, R.N, Emergency Department Director at Southwest Health will share information about Sexual Assault and programs available to help victims in Southwest Wisconsin. She will provide information about the SANE program (sexual assault nurse examination) at Southwest Health.

**January 20:** Optimist member, Dr. Terry Beebe, has extended an invitation to visit and tour the new Family Pet Hospital and also enjoy a light breakfast. .

**January 27:** We will have a return visit from Ryan Weigel, VP of Dairy Procurement for Accelerated Genetics and Assistant Coach of UW-P Dairy Judging Team. A sequel to his earlier presentation, Ryan will provide us with some very interesting facts of “genetics” and the dairy industry.

Minutes taken and drafted for  
Rooster Call by Maxine Lane.

