

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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, December 15, 2017

Attendance: 27 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Maxine Lane, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Phil Swift, Linda Thomas, John Urness, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: n/a

Mystery Greeter: Tim Boldt was the mystery member this morning, greeting John Urness.

Joker Draw: It was the ‘Joker’ himself who was holding the lucky number. However, winning was not to be, cutting the cards to reveal the 4 of Hearts.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Celebrating on the same day, 12/16, Howard Crofoot and Kevin Haertzen and on 12/19, Eileen Engelke celebrates. Upcoming anniversary reminders were given to Duane Borgen, celebrating on 12/17 and Dave Jones on 12/18. (Of course they really did not need reminding!)

Thank You Notes: none

Platteville Holiday Project: Completed. G Engelke and B Weier commented on the donation(s) received from Farm & Fleet. The morning of pickup, two gentlemen made separate purchases, one for \$500 and one for \$600, all going to the Holiday Project, in addition to 4 pallets of toys donated by Farm & Fleet.

Santa Calling: **70+ Kids received calls from Santa or Mrs. Santa.**

WI Badger Camp Event: President Wodarz commented it was his first time attending this event. It was well attended, the food was very good, entertainment was enjoyable and overall a great event.

Fellowship: Post Holiday Party scheduled for January 20th at the Elks Lodge. Signup was passed for those who had not previously signed up. If interested, contact Becky Schambow.

Westview Holiday Shoppe: Very good response of donated items.

Optimist Caps: President Wodarz reminded members to purchase a cap for \$7. Great Christmas Present!

Program: Thanks to Gary Engelke for organizing our speaker, Brent Bowers, Executive Director at Wisconsin Badger Camp.

Brent extended a Thank You to the Optimist Club Membership for their continued support and for having attended the Badger Camp 1966 Event on December 9. He stated the event was once again very successful, allowing Wisconsin Badger Camp to continue serving youth and adults with disabilities.





Brent summarized his history with Wisconsin Badger Camp. He worked part-time at Wisconsin Badger Camp, returning to Ohio off season. He relocated to Wisconsin from Ohio in 1987, at which time he was hired into a position as Camp Director. In 2002, Brent assumed responsibilities as Executive Director. In addition to himself, WI Badger Camp has 6 full-time staff members. During camp season, there are some 65 seasonal staff, many being international, nurses, dietician, head cook, etc.

Brent stated camp runs from June through August and serves approximately 900 individuals, approximately 106/week. There is one week for youth, one week for teens and 8 weeks for adults. Of those attending camp, the repeat percentage is 80%+. In addition to local campers, individuals come from Green Bay, Eau Claire, La Crosse and 6 other states.

There is always a 'wish list' for improvements and most recently, they converted to online application from paper. The next item on the 'wish list' is to improve/enlarge the health center. To support funding for improvements, they are hoping to reach out further into the state in addition to hosting another event during the spring/summer. Time was allowed for questions and answers. It is always a pleasure to have a return visit from Brent and hear about the wonderful things they do at Wisconsin Badger Camp.

Weekly Speakers:

December Programs, Coordinator, Gary/Eileen Engelke

December 22 – No Speaker – Share your Favorite Christmas Memory!

December 29 – No Meeting!!

January Programs, Coordinator, Becky Schambow

January 12 – Dr. Scott Houghton, SWHC General Surgeon

January 19 – Steve McCarthy, SWHC Chief Operating Officer
& Laura Reilly, Director of Clinic Nursing/Quality

January 26 – Andrea Pastor, Rotary's Foreign Exchange Program

Exchange student, Thanaree Hainak from Thailand, will join Andrea and share insights on her country, her family, interests and her experiences through the exchange program.

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane

