## ATTEVILLE 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:** 32 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Donna Gavin, Kevin Haertzen, Mike Hahn, Priscilla Hahn, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, Jeff White, Wayne Wodarz, Terry Wood.

Guests: President Schambow introduced Jessica Munz, our guest speaker this morning.

**Mystery Greeter:** Leon Neuheisel was our mystery person greeting Peggy Compton.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** If you see Janelle Davis, wish her a happy birthday on May 27! We acknowledged two anniversaries this morning, John Adams and Barb Stockhausen on May 26 and Hap and Barb Daus on May 29.

**Joker Draw:** Gary Engelke was holding the lucky ticket, drawing the 7 of Diamonds and receiving \$2.

## Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

\*President Schambow circulated the news article from the Platteville Journal, acknowledging Dylan Pink and the SWIS District oratorical winner. Pictured with Dylan was Duane Borgen and Wayne Wodarz. President Schambow and Steve Lane will visit St. Rose School this morning to join with faculty and students in acknowledging both Dylan Pink and Leah Mergen for their efforts in the local, zone and district competition and to further wish Dylan good luck as he goes on to regional.

\*Ron Weier reported that Bob continues to make small improvements and further acknowledged and thanked those members to have volunteered to be with Bob during his PT sessions.

#### **OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:**

Golf Social: Peggy Compton informed the members that we are in need of additional golfers to make this event happen. Registration deadline has been extended to 30.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Party in the Park: President Schambow stated this event is scheduled for Thursday, July 25. She reminded members their help is greatly appreciated and that a signup sheet will be passed in the future.

T-shirts: Maxine announced that new t-shirts Are available for purchase at \$8.00. Limited Sizes are available in M, L, XL and colors are Purple or red, with our new logo and new Friend of Youth logo on back. Additional Sizes can be ordered. Contact Max to order at msmacv105@vahoo.com or 608.778.7786 Great for cheese curds and Party in the Park.





**Program:** As the editor, I am delighted to report we once again had an outstanding speaker.



Chris Budden introduced Jessica Munz from UW-P Continuing Education Institute, joining us today to share information on the College for Kids Middle University program as well as CLASS, Community Learning and Skill Sharing.

Jessica grew up on a dairy farm in northern Illinois, which led to her love of animals. She graduated from UW-P in 2011 with a B.S. in animal science, minor in Ag business. In February, 2017, Jessica moved back to Platteville with her husband, Ryan, also alum of UW-P. She started working at her alma mater in March, 2017 in Continuing Education Institute as the event coordinator, where she has primary responsibility for the College for Kids and Middle University programming, design of CLASS brochure/events and

reaching out to outside organizations to assist with event coordination. She enjoys being outside, taking care of their animals and loves hiking, fishing, gardening, landscaping and horseback riding....generally being in nature.

College for Kids and Middle University started in 1982 for the purpose of allowing kids to experience college life and become familiar with being on a campus. The event is held at UW-P the second week in July and is open to youth Kindergartner through seventh grade. This is a 4 day camp, with an option for only 2, and provides classes on engineering, science, art, agriculture, fitness, entomology, history of Platteville, photograph plus others. Jessica stated they have realized attendance growth over the years, reporting that in 2014 they had 126 attend the four day program reaching 227 in 2018 and to date for 2019 they are at 201 with a goal of 250. Jessica further stated they are always looking for volunteers and can be contacted at <a href="https://campusuwplatt.edu/continuing/college-kids-and-middle-university">https://campusuwplatt.edu/continuing/college-kids-and-middle-university</a> Q & A followed. Jessica also touched on CLASS, a program for anyone looking to learn something new. If you have an idea for a class you'd like to lead, contact Jessica at <a href="mailto:continuing@uplatt.edu">continuing@uplatt.edu</a>

Weekly Speakers: Thanks to Paul and Chris Budden for scheduling our May Speakers.

May 31: Kelly Sponsler/Update on Middle School Optimist (scheduled by M Lane)

Thanks to Ken Kamps for scheduling our speakers during the month of June.

June 7: Business Meeting

June 14: Grant County Sheriff, Nate Dreckman will speak on human trafficking

June 21: Ron Boldt will speak on the history of the fire department

June 28: Tom Goodney who is an expert witness at trials

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

## **A Shout Out from Mike Olds**

### **It's Party Time**

You are all invited, and please bring a friend, to a graduation party for Spence! Festivities will be on Sunday, June 2 from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Wisconsin Bank & Trust Community Room. RSVP is not necessary; however, would be appreciated.

#### **URGENT, URGENT!**

Optimist Golf Outing is scheduled for June 22nd beginning at 9 am. To date we have 12 golfers and 7 people signed up for other activities. Registration has been extended to <a href="May 30th">May 30th</a>. Email Fern Nall (f\_nall@hotmail.com) or Linda Thomas (lindalouthomas53@gmail.com) to sign up for golf or the other activities.

Country club needs a decision on June 1 if we plan to hold the event.