

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Vision Statement: *"To Impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"*



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Friday, February 21, 2020

Attendance: 32 members – Jim Boebel, Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Penny Droessler, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Mark Essex, Beth Frieders, Mark Haas, Dave Jones, Maxine Lane, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Diane Paynter, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Rod & Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz, Tim and Terry Wood.

Guests:

- Speakers – Linda Hahn and Kris Wolf

Mystery Greeter: Maxine Lane was the Mystery Greeter, greeting Alaina Reeves

Anniversaries: *None noted*

Birthdays this week:

- Barb Deis on 22nd;
- Beth Frieders on 26th. Since Beth was here, we assaulted her ears with a rendition of "Happy Birthday".

Joker Draw: Wayne Wodarz had the lucky ticket. He drew the Jack of Clubs and won his \$2 consolation prize. At least his card started with "J". Good luck to next week's winner.

Mail /Thank You Notes /Club Acknowledgements / Special Announcements:

- Platteville Music Boosters sent a thank you for our \$1,000 donation.

Old Business / Reminders:

- SWIS District is holding their Second Quarter Conference in Brodhead tomorrow Feb 22. We have seven members attending.
- Our 2019 Oratorical winner, Dylan Pink is going to a confirmation retreat. We circulated a card of encouragement for all to sign.
- Becky mentioned that since Mary Sieckman's website presentation last week, Mary has placed the Speaker Coordinator's names on the web and placed a link to our Facebook page. Please check it out!

New Business:

- The 2020 Oratorical Contest will be on Feb 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the WI Bank & Trust community room. We think there will be as many as 15 contestants – many from Cuba City. Members were encouraged to attend to show our support.
- Wayne Wodarz announced the winners of our Essay Contest. The top six winners were:
 1. Noah Wood – Cuba City;
 2. Aksel Schuldes – PMS;
 3. Nicholas Rohou – PMS;
 4. Eva Hollingsworth – PMS;
 5. Penny Black – PMS;
 6. Lilly Otto - PMS

The top essay goes forward to District. The District Winner gets a \$2,500 scholarship from the OI Foundation.

Program: Thank you to Diane Paynter and Eileen McCartney for recruiting our March speakers.



Today, Eileen graciously introduced Linda Hahn (left) and Kris Wolf (right) from Grant County's Cancer Coalition.

Linda Hahn has been the President of the Cancer Coalition since its inception in 2008. This is her 27th year of being involved with a cancer group.

The Coalition's group is made up of 9 volunteer Board members and a host of other volunteers who help with their events.

They sponsor a Walk-Run in May and have a main fund raiser the 3rd Saturday of September. Linda said that about half of the funding comes from private donations and the rest from their two fundraisers. When they started the group in 2008, they received help from a group in Richland Center. Since then, they have helped similar groups in Rock, Juneau and Iowa Counties get their start. She had charts from a Board

member. In 2018 they had 65 applications for \$75,000 in funds. The recipients were about 50/50 male/female. They get a maximum of \$1,500 per year to pay bills, gas cards, etc. They can collect for up to 3 years. Since 2008 they have helped over 500 in Grant County with cancer.

Kris Wolf is the Patient Assistant for the Coalition, following her retirement from a full-time nursing career. Kris is the only person that has patient contact from the group. Kris gets the applications, verifies authenticity, and brings the completed application to the Board at their monthly meeting. The group does not verify a financial need. They must live in Grant County and have cancer as diagnosed by a Doctor. She said that about 5 – 10% are under 18.

They are looking to get the word out. They get some referrals, but the person needs to apply. You cannot apply for your neighbor. The hard part is that many patients think that their situation is OK and that the money should be given to others who may need it worse. If you know of someone, give them a flyer that was passed around or refer them to the website at www.grantcountycancerco.org

Thanks for the moving speech and the work you do for residents of Grant County!

Upcoming Speakers:

- February 28: Kelli Miller - Platteville Library
- March 6 – Business Meeting
- March 13 – Melissa Palfrey – Family Advocates
- March 20 – Jim Schweigert – ROAD TRIP to Gro Alliance
- March 27 – Jenna Phillips – Platteville Farmers Market
- April 3 – Business Meeting
- April 10th – Speaker pending
- April 17th – Speaker pending
- April 24th – Nancy Collins – ROAD TRIP to Rountree Gallery (*will see local Children's artwork*)
- May 1st - Business Meeting
- May 8th – Dr. Jeff White – CBD Oil and other current medical topics
- May 15th – Cindy Martens – Thrift Shop
- May 22nd – Dr. Ian Stormont – Independent Urologist
- May 29th – Ryan Del Balso – Wakewell – Entrepreneur at PBII

Highlights of Meeting Recorded by: Howard Crofoot