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

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## Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin –September 13, 2019

Attendance: 35 members - Joan Bahr, Jim Boebel, Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Penny Droessler, Dan Engelke, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Kevin Haertzen, Bob Hundhausen, David Jones, Ken Kamps, Doug Martin, Eileen McCartney, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Diane Paynter, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Robert Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz, Terry Wood, Tim Wood, Tim Zauche.

Guests: President Schambow acknowledge and welcomed Sarah Digman as our speaker this morning.

Mystery Greeter: Kevin Haertzen greeted Penny Droessler.

<u>Anniversaries:</u> Mr. and Mrs. George Byykkonen on 9/14 and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Olds on 9/19. <u>Birthdays</u>: Joan Bahr on 9/14, Peggy Compton 9/15, Mike Hahn 9/15 and Nicole Tyc on 9/19.

<u>Joker Draw:</u> Joan Bahr held the winning ticket and drew the 8 of spades. Charlie offered her the baggie that was holding the new deck and mentioned he will get another deck.

Mail/Thank you Notes/Club Acknowledgements: A get well card was circulated for members to sign and will be sent to Linda Foht (our server) who broke her arm.



<u>Installation</u>: President Schambow installed her friend and new member Diane Paynter.

## **OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:**

- Dairy Days thanks to all who worked. We had left over cheese curds because of rain on Sunday which were offered to members for \$3.00/lb.
- Pizza Party sign-up sheet passed around for last time. Party on Wed., 9/18 at Uno's.
- Installation Banquet President Schambow encouraged all to sign up for the banquet which will be Sun., 9/29 at Elmo; sheet was passed around.

<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> Passed around collection bucket for the Food Pantry today and also next week.

<u>PROGRAM</u>: We were happy to welcome Sarah Digman the Initiative Project Director for the Grant County Coordinated Services Team (CST). She has worked with the CST program supporting children and families for a little over a year now and previously spent 18 years working at Orion Group Home in Platteville as the Program Director.



She presented what the CST program is and how it works, the core values of the program and the population served. She explained CST as a wrap around program for families with at least one child (birth to 18 yrs.) who is involved in direct services such as mental health, special education, substance abuse, juvenile justice or Child Protective Services. They put together a team to help the family and develop a plan to connect them to the community. This is a voluntary process of family choice and voice - and Family/Parental Involvement is essential to its success. The family chooses the Team with the help of the trained Service Coordinator of people they know and trust. Referrals can come from mental health facilities, schools, or anyone. They try to address basic needs first such as food or a safe home. This year they held a Resource Fair in Lancaster which was a huge success and had a back-pack drive. There is one other part time person on staff with

Sarah. They are serving 10 families currently which meet approximately two times a week. There were 40-50 helped last year. Sarah fielded many questions also.

Upcoming September speakers coordinated by Linda Thomas:

Sept. 20: Barb Lange Okey, sharing her Kidney Transplant experience

Sept. 27: Molly Dean, Senior Outreach Liaison for Agrace

October speakers coordinated by Tom Nall and Dan Engelke.

Minutes taken and drafted by Linda Thomas. (Thank you Linda for covering for me while I enjoyed time in Branson with Steve and family. Greatly appreciated!)

If you are interested in having your previous round name tag, please let Maxine know ASAP (608-778-7786 or msmacy105@yahoo.com. I also have the carrying case that the name tags were stored in. I will dispose of these within the next 3 weeks.

