

April 3, 2015

Attendance: Twenty-two members in attendance, with seven (Maxine, Beth, Steve, Ron, Bob, Ernie, and Tom) wearing their Optimist shirts. Guests included Lucy Tian, our oratorical contest winner, and her mother. One other guest was Betty Nowers, invited by Bob Weier.

Mystery Greeter: Terry Vaassen greeted Beth Frieders.

Luck of the Draw: Steve Lane's ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw, and he cut the 5 of Spades for \$2.00. An Easter decoration donated by Sue Meylor, our fabulous waitress, was won by Fern Nall. First Friday winners "in attendance" were Steve "On-a-Streak" Lane and Hap Daus. Those "not present" First Friday winners were Laura Peterson and Tim Bolt.

Business Meeting:

- Before the official business meeting began, Lucy Tian, our local oratorical winner presented her fantastic winning speech describing "How My Optimism Will Help Me Press on to Greater Achievements in the Future." Through many long distance relocations, Lucy has truly become optimistic about her future. She will be presenting her speech at the SWIS District Conference on May 2nd.
- Maxine circulated a sympathy card for the members to sign for Kathy Kopp whose mother passed away last week.
- John Urness presented the treasurers report. Our accounts continue to be healthy. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made and seconded. All approved.
- An update was presented by Doug Martin on Tri-Star Basketball. We had 26 participants for the event. Coach Gard and two UWP Players were also present to talk with the group and give them hints on the game. It was suggested to perhaps provide seating for the parents who accompany the kids.
- Jerry Schewe will be our Foundation Representative for 2015 2016. Maxine read the duties of this position. It was recommended at the board meeting to have Jerry provide a report to the club of the activities for the year
- Board members for 2015 2017 will be Eileen Engelke, Doug Martin and Bob Weier. There was a motion to accept these two items. It was seconded and approved.
- The social that was being planned for April 11th will be cancelled due to lack of interest. We may just go with two socials per year. One being the White Elephant Gift Exchange and perhaps a summer picnic type gathering. Maxine will put out an e-mail regarding the cancellation.

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- The scholarship guidelines were presented. A motion was made to accept them and it was seconded and approved. It has been delivered to Kim Lipska at PHS>
- The SWIS District Conference is May 2nd in Madison.
- The board is working on a Vision Statement. We are down to one with final tweaks being made. It will be presented in May.

Upcoming April Programs/Speakers:

April 3: Monthly membership business meeting

April 10: Johnny T. O'Shea, Platteville Postmaster, on the US Postal Service on the local and national level.

April 17: Ela Kakde, Exec. Dir., Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation (PAIDC)

April 24: Patti and Terry Cullen, and Meghan Skemp, on local suicide prevention and suicide survivors support.

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