

## ROOSTER CALL

*'Second Time Around'*Platteville Optimist Club

Established 1968



Vision Statement

"To impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"

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Okay – I'm back; however it's one and done! It took very little arm twisting from Club Secretary Becky when she asked if I would do this last quarterly 2019 newsletter, After all, it is my all-time favorite season and also one of my favorite newsletters. However, this will truly be my last! Governor Elect duty is calling!

I have very much enjoyed publishing this quarterly newsletter, over the past several years, six to be exact. Originally and yet today, I found it provides a great opportunity to review what transpired over a period of time, bring a connection between club members and more importantly, give recognition to members. Thanks for the Memories! (*Max*)



Becky Schambow President's Tribute



Bob Weier Chuck Thalmann Award



Fern Nall Optimist of the Year



The Annual Awards and Installation Banquet was an opportunity for President Schambow to recognize several members who, not only during her year as President, but consistently have shown commitment and loyalty to the club and also demonstrates the true meaning of Optimism. Congrats to the 2018-2019 recipients.



Maxine Lane
Outstanding Member



Wayne Wodarz President's Citation

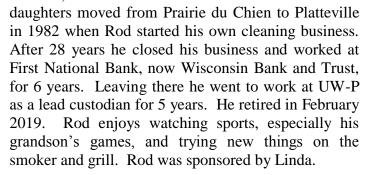
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Membership Update: We closed our Optimist year, 9/30/19, with 129 members, a net increase of 16 members (28 new less 12 members who left). Within Zone 6, there are 7 clubs, representing 436 members closing out 2018-2019. Our net 16 members moved our club into the largest of these 7 clubs. To those who recruited a new member, Thank You! Regardless of whether you brought in a new member or not, your membership and representing our organization is greatly appreciated and sincerely acknowledged. Let's challenge ourselves to exceed 18-19 in 19-20!



#### WELCOME WAGON

Rod Thomas: It is always fun to welcome back a familiar face. Rod Thomas, wife Linda and their two



#### Mark Essex:

Michelle Pelfry/Family Advocates: H & R Block (Friend of Optimist)

#### MEMBER FAREWELLS

First and foremost, we extend heartfelt thanks to the following members who have left our club.

The support over the years of their membership helped our club accomplish our mission of serving youth and community and for that we are grateful. Please know you are welcome to return as a member at any time. We will greatly miss:

- \*Gary Munson
- \*Barb Stockhausen} (Joined as a FOO with their
- \*John Adams } business, H & R Block)
- \*Morrissey Printing (FOO)
- \*Mindful Solutions/Rita Udelhoven (FOO)



#### We Could Not Do It Without You

Thank you to our 2019-2020 speaker coordinators!

January – Becky Schambow; February – Diane Paynter & Eileen McCartney; March – Maxine Lane; April – Joan Bahr & Carley Borcherding;

May – Ron Weier &b Leon Neuheisel; June – Tim Boldt;

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July – Paul & Chris Budden; August – Tom & Fern Nall;

September – Alaina Reeves; October – Charlie Clark & Maggie Kleisath November – Doug Martin; December – Gary & Eileen Engelke



Platteville Optimist Club was recognized as a Distinguished Club leading up to the Centennial Year of Optimist International. Accepting a gavel, engraved as "Platteville Optimist Club, Distinguished Club, Optimist International 100 Centennial Year, was 18-19 President, Wayne Wodarz. Certificates of recognition were also presented to Wayne as President and Maxine as Club Secretary. A Centennial Year patch was also received for the club banner.





# **1ember Celebrations**



# Happy Birthday

#### December

- 1 Virg Pufahl
- 4 Priscilla Hahn
- 16 Howard Crofoot
- 16 Kevin Haertzen
- 19 Eileen Engelke
- 23 Phil Swift
- 27 Anne Klawiter

#### **January**

- 5 Greg Sieckman
- 8 Duane Borgen
- 13 Alaina Reeves
- 19 Rod Thomas
- 28 Charlie Clark

#### February

- 7 Steve Lane
- 12 Tim Boldt
- 15 Brad Mootz
- 17 Brigid Riemann 16 Pat Moxness-Weier
  - 18 Jim Schweigert
  - 22 Barb Deis
  - 26 Beth Frieders

# Happy Anniversary To Member & Spouse

#### December

- 17 Duane Borgen
- 18 Dave Jones
- 27 Mike & Priscilla Hahn
- 29 Tim & Terry Wood



#### January

28 – Penny Droessler

#### **February**

2 - Jim Boll



# Congrats to Barb & Tim Deis!

Daughter, Grace, was the featured Teen of the Week on October 20. Grace is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, HUNCH, Literary Magazine, Model United Nations, cross country and soccer. Her future plans are to attend a four-year college and double major in mathematics and international relations.

# Celebrating Membership Anniversaries

#### December

- 1993 Kathy Kopp
- 2000 Tom Nall
- 2006 Beth Frieders
- 2012 Tim Boldt
- 2012 Bob Weier
- 2014 Becky Schambow
- 2015 Dupaco \*

#### January

- 1987 Bob Stephens
- 2018 Joan Bahr
- 2018 Pat Moxness-Weier
- 2018 Naomi Wells
- 2016 Delta 3 \*

#### **February**

- 2009 Maxine Lane
- 2009 Steve Lane
- 2015 Dennis Helbing
- 2018 Matt Bohlken
- 2016 PBII \*
- 2019 Thrivent/Tim Zauche
- (\*) Friends of Optimist
- (L) Lifetime Members



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#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

Committee Updates, Dates to Remember, What's Shaken! In some instances, responses will be requested and we would ask that you provide your input, ideas and suggestions as requested.

**PUBLICITY DISPATCH** (Mary, Maggie, Chris, Priscilla, Melissa Palfrey)

**COMMUNITY CONNECTION** (Doug, Howard, Mark, Ernie, Paul



MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH (Chris, Tom, Alaina Charlie, Carley, Eileen)
Thank You to all the Optimist Club members who continue to recruit new members for our Club. Each new member allows us to reach more kids. We welcomed Rod Thomas to our club in October. Our Committee has been working on a new member orientation booklet entitled *Promise Yourself*.... This booklet explains many of our traditions and will help new members have a better understanding of what goes on at

our Friday morning meetings. It also contains information on the structure of our Club, the SWIS District, Optimist International and includes informational resources that may be helpful to them.



YOUTH ROUND-ABOUT (Wayne, Tim B, Christine Storlie, Greg, Eileen M) We are moving into our busy season with Youth Activities, starting with ....

Tri-Star Basketball: Sunday, March 28, UW-P, signup sheet forthcoming.

Essay Contest: "Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dreams you iMagine" Info shared with nine area schools, including the home school teachers.

<u>Oratorical Contest:</u> "Just iMagine a World without Boundaries" Info shared with nine area schools, including the home school teachers. Local event scheduled for February 27, Zone contest April 2. <u>Youth Hockey Game:</u> The second annual event for the Platteville Middle School JOI Club is scheduled for Sunday, April 5, an afternoon game with the Dubuque Fighting Saints.

Bike Safety: Date pending for either April or early May



<u>FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION</u> (Linda, Joan, Fern, Penny, Bob S, Diane Paynter) <u>Annual Awards/Installation Banquet</u> – on Sept. 29 we honored past officers, celebrated our many successes of the past year, roasted Maxine for her many years serving as our Secretary, and installed new Officers and Board Members. 55 attendees enjoyed a wonderful meal, lots of fun and laughter and it was great to

have Bob and Pat Weier join in the festivities. A good time was had by all.

<u>Upcoming Annual Holiday Party SAVE THE DATE</u> – mark your calendars and plan to attend the Holiday Party being held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Pioneer Lanes in Platteville. We will enjoy cocktails (cash bar) at 5:00 pm, dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by the infamous White Elephant Gift Exchange, and possibly music and dancing. Cost will be \$15.00 per person. The menu will include Chicken Cordon Bleu, Sirloin Beef Tips, mashed potatoes & gravy, seven layer salad, buttered green beans, dinner rolls and cake. Invite a non-member guest to join our fun-filled evening. An invitation will be going out and a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the December Friday morning meetings.

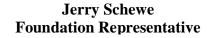


**CURD CORNER** (Steve, Tim M, Mark, Bob H, Gary, Max)

Things are chilling for the winter. Trailer cleaned and stored. Committee is looking at a probable price increase with the new season in 2020, looking at introducing the cheese curd fund raiser to a new potential club and are looking at methods to maximize our profits. The Standard Operating Procedures that were developed as a learning tool will be shared with all shift positions to provide a better understanding and in turn help the club.









The past several years has seen many of our members supporting the Optimist Foundation through the Dime-A-Day fund. Quite simply, members contribute 10¢ per day for the entire year (\$36.50 total) to help Optimist International support the many youth projects held during the year, including:

District Oratorical scholarship Regional Oratorical scholarship World-wide Oratorical scholarship District CCDHH scholarship District Essay scholarship

Junior World Golf
District Tri-Star Basketball
Club grants for new projects within a community
Program development

For the benefit of our most recent members and perhaps some of our not so recent members, the following will provide you a better understanding of the purpose and history of the OI Foundation.

Optimist International Foundation (OIF) was established in 1971 exclusively for the charitable, literary and educational purposes of Optimist International, a community service-based organization committed to creating a more optimistic future for young people through innovative programs. OIF works with Optimist Clubs located in over 2.100 communities in the United States and the Caribbean.

The Foundation has grown steadily since 1971 and is recognized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Foundation's Board of Directors grants funds to Optimist International each year for the development and improvement of International programs. Programs funded by the Foundation serve 1.5 million children annually. Optimist International Foundation depends on the support from Optimist Clubs and individual Members, the general public, businesses and corporations.

Last year we had 28 members participate. Our total was almost \$1,300 in Dime-A-Day contributions. <u>Can</u> <u>we exceed that number this year?</u> In advance, thank you on behalf of myself and the Optimist International Foundation for your generous donation. You can either bring your check to a Friday morning meeting or mail to Jerry Schewe, 860 Jefferson St., Platteville. Checks will be sent to St. Louis in January.

Thank you, Jerry

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### Maxine's Annual Christmas Story

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# T'was the Friday before Christmas

T'was the Friday before Christmas as Optimists were meeting
The coffee was hot and the breakfasts were heating
Members arriving and hands being shaken
A sure sign of friendship, don't be mistaken

Inside the door Duane was on duty
Taking your order as well as your money
Members were visiting and waiting to stand
For the Pledge and our Creed, both ever so grand

Dan rang the bell with gavel in hand Bringing all members to a respectful stand But wait, sneaking in, who's that we see Howard or Charlie or perhaps Ernie

The Pledge was recited as was the Creed Thus allowing our meeting now to proceed Breakfast was served either large or small One or the other would be enjoyed by all

With more to be said the floor Dan did take
But it was for Leon, he had to wait
A little ole feller who has lots to say
So to him it's respect, that we pay

A mystery greeter was somewhere near Not of the kind that you have to fear A lucky handshake and a ticket you'll get A win to celebrate or loss to regret

Now just as Dan was about to start
It was Charlie who suddenly let out a shout
It's Joker Draw time and as the number was read
It was Steve Lane who popped up his head

And then without notice, the laughter was insane With Carley and Tim and of course there was Wayne As Dan held up his gavel to bring order throughout It was Secretary Becky who came out and about

As President Past we knew of her style
Advising Dan, to just sit for awhile
The gavel she removed for safety sake
She really did not know how much more he could take

His smile was devilish and his laughter was heard His blood pressure was high and his color was red A jolly young fellow we knew very well He had just had enough and was starting to yell

An agenda to follow and business to tend
He had let his meeting get out of hand
With Becky to the rescue, there was nothing to fear
Our President Dan is easy to cheer

A serious side is far and apart Our Dan is definitely a little kid at heart He gave us the look that all was okay And our meeting continued on for the day

Birthdays, anniversaries, business old and new The agenda concluded with a speaker anew Our meeting before Christmas has come to an end Members depart and leave with a friend.

It's never a doubt as we go our own way Something in common you can't take away As we depart you can hear us proclaim We are Optimists and that is our fame!!!

#### Promise Yourself....

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To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind,
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet,
To make all your friends feel that there is something in them,
To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true,
To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best,
To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own,
To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future,

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To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile,
To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others,
To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.