



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



Maxine Lane
Outstanding Member



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.



Wayne Wodarz
President's Citation

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 daughters moved from Prairie du Chien to Platteville in 1982 when Rod started his own cleaning business. After 28 years he closed his business and worked at First National Bank, now Wisconsin Bank and Trust, for 6 years. Leaving there he went to work at UW-P as a lead custodian for 5 years. He retired in February 2019. Rod enjoys watching sports, especially his grandson's games, and trying new things on the smoker and grill. Rod was sponsored by Linda.

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 Borcharding;
May – Ron Weier & Leon Neuheisel; June – Tim Boldt;
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.



2020
HAPPY NEW
YEAR

Member 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
17 – Brigid Riemann
19 – Rod Thomas
28 – Charlie Clark

February

7 – Steve Lane
12 – Tim Boldt
15 – Brad Mootz
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



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



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.

(*) Friends of Optimist
(L) Lifetime Members

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.

Oratorical Contest: *"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.

Youth Hockey Game: 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



FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION (Linda, Joan, Fern, Penny, Bob S, Diane Paynter)

Annual Awards/Installation Banquet – 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.

Upcoming Annual Holiday Party **SAVE THE DATE** – 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.



Jerry Schewe
Foundation Representative



**Can you spare a dime...
to help build the Optimist Mission?**

Support the Optimist International Foundation for as little as **\$36.50** per year to fund Optimist International programs and services.

Go For The Gold

Click here for more information on Dime A Day

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	Junior World Golf
Regional Oratorical scholarship	District Tri-Star Basketball
World-wide Oratorical scholarship	Club grants for new projects within a community
District CCDHH scholarship	Program development
District Essay scholarship	

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. **Can we exceed that number this year?** 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

Maxine's Annual Christmas Story

The Back Page



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....

*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,
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.*

