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



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

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Attendance: 32 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Peggy Compton, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Mike Hahn, Priscilla Hahn, Dave Jones, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Gary Munson, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Virgil Pufahl, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: President Schambow welcomed our speakers, Dylan Pink, oratorical participant from St. Rose in Cuba City and Camryn Lindell, essay participant from Platteville Middle School. Joining them was Kim and T.J. Pink, mother and brother and Chris Lindell, mother. It was also a pleasure to welcome Jason Julius, Principal of Platteville Middle School.

President Schambow also introduced Penny Droessler and Alaina Reeves, both who were guests at the recent NOW Luncheon and were interested in joining our membership.

<u>Update on Bob Weier:</u> Ron Weier provided an update, stating the feeding tubes have been removed, his humor has returned and he enjoys company. His time at Unity Point will end on April 28 and they are in the process of looking for an alternate facility. Ron encouraged members to visit at their convenience.

<u>Mystery Greeter:</u> Bob Stephens was the mystery greeter, and Joy Schewe was the lucky handshake.

<u>Birthdays/Anniversaries:</u> Eileen and Tom Nickels will celebrate an anniversary on April 25.

<u>Joker Draw:</u> Jason Julius called out #341 with Steve Lane holding the ticket. The picture tells the rest of the story.

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

President Schambow announced that Howard Crofoot is still looking for volunteers to help with the Platteville Area Optimist bike rodeo at Neal Wilkins school on Saturday, April 27. Howard can be contacted at crofooth@platteville.org if you are available to help.



OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:

NOW Luncheon: President Schambow thanked the volunteers who were able to attend the luncheon. We again had an excellent response. Once final numbers are received, a report will be provided.

Story Walk: Carley Borcherding took a few minutes to share the new schedule for the 2019 Story Book Walk. She had available brochures as well as posters for members who may have or know of a location for posting. She shared with the members her first experience with the Story Book Walk and how she was immediately convinced this was something she wanted to become involved with. Currently 6 Grant County Libraries participate with this program. She extended her appreciation to the Optimist Club for their support.

<u>Program:</u> Maxine opened her introduction of our speakers today, stating "This is what our club is all about." Maxine acknowledged the parents of Dylan Pink, our local oratorical winner and Camryn Lindell, local essay winner. She thanked them for taking time to bring their children to our meeting today and for taking time from their daily routines to make it possible for them to participate in our programs.

Maxine also acknowledged Jason Julius, Middle School Principal, thanking him for joining us this morning and for his support of our youth projects.



Camryn Lindell, an eighth grade student at Platteville Middle School, read her winning essay on "When all the world's problems are solved, is Optimism still necessary," which was the topic provided for this year by Optimist International.

Dylan Pink, also an eighth grade student from St. Rose in Cuba City, recited his oratorical speech, entitled "Is there a fine line between Optimism and Reality," also the topic decided upon by Optimist International. Dylan won the local contest held in Platteville, the Zone contest held in Monroe, and will now compete at the district competition scheduled for May 10-11 in the Wisconsin Dells.

Both Camryn and Dylan gave outstanding performances. Maxine thanked them for sharing with our membership, congratulated them for a job well done and encouraged both to consider participating in these programs next year.

2019 Luncheon

Weekly Speakers: Thank you to Maxine Lane for coordinating April speakers.

April 26: Kelly Sponsler, Middle School Optimists (JOI Club)

Thanks to Paul and Chris Budden for scheduling our May Speakers

May 10: Alaine Olthafer-Lange/A & A Aviation

May 17: Matt Melby, Melby Funeral Home & Crematory

May 24: Jessica Munz & Keri Wedige/UW-P Continuing Education

May 31: Brooke Rowe/Box of Balloons

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

Optimist Club Bulletin Board

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