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

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin – Friday, May 25, 2018

Attendance: 30 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Paul Budden, Chris Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Jordan Holthaus, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Pat Moxness, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Mary Sieckman, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Mystery Greeter: Doug Martin was the designated 'greeter' this morning, greeting Becky Schambow.

Joker Draw: Linda Thomas was holding the lucky number, drawing the 4 of hearts and winning \$2.00.

Announcements:

<u>Birthdays/Anniversaries:</u> Birthday wishes to Janelle Davis on May 27. Anniversary wishes were noted for John Adams and Barb Stockhausen on May 26 and Hap & Barb Daus on May 29.

<u>Thank You:</u> A very nice thank you was received from Secretary Laura Gutierrez, for allowing her to speak to our members and complementing the Optimist Club of Platteville on the work they do for the community and youth.

<u>New Member Installation:</u> It was a pleasure to be a part of the installation of new member, Jordan Holthaus. New to Platteville as a State Farm Insurance Agent, Jordan was sponsored by Bob Weier

50th Anniversary:

President Wodarz summarized recent updates:

*Tot slide delivered, working with Luke Peters for dedication date, *Invitations were sent, RSVP by June 8 to Maxine

<u>Junior Golf Event:</u> G Engelke stated Cade Rohrbach will be participating in the Junior Golf Competition and recommended Optimist Club of Platteville pay the sponsorship fee. Second by T Boldt. Carried.



<u>Football Fund Crazr:</u> Our club has committed to selling 100 tickets @ \$20/each. Fundraiser for our club as we get approximately \$13.00 for each ticket sold. Please contact President Wodarz or Gary Engelke.

WILS Leadership: Three area students expressed interest; however, we have not been contacted for support.

Memorial Day Program: Paul Budden reminded the membership of the Memorial Day Program at City Hall, Monday, May 28 starting at 9:30.

Friend of Youth

Program: Maxine introduced Mary Ellen Warren, Director of Health Education at Clarity Clinic of SW Wisconsin. Mary Ellen has had the privilege of being a certified Sexual Risk Avoidance Educator for the past 3 years. Her position allows her to travel throughout SW Wisconsin, providing FREE optimal health education to students and adults alike, in both public and private group settings. In her three years as a sexual risk avoidance educator, she has spoken to over 3,000 participants and shared FREE optimal health programs with over 100 different groups. Being raised in SW Wisconsin and now raising her 3 young daughters here as well, Mary Ellen is fully invested in supporting and promoting optimal health throughout the region she knows and loves.

Clarity Clinic is an educational, 501(c)3, non-profit organization, offering FREE and confidential services. Services are designed to turn fear into confidence with clients being educated with facts to preserve and protect their reproductive health and emotional well-being. The services offered address three phases, Preventative, Predicament and Post-event.



The Preventative phase encompasses community education. Education programs are offered to students 7th grade to young adult through presentations to schools, private groups, homeschool groups and youth & parent events. The educational programs cover social media awareness, sexting, cyberbullying, suicide, human trafficking and sexual assault awareness.

Predicament phase involves the medical clinic, utilizing pregnancy and STD screening. Again, free service such as ultrasounds to confirm viability of pregnancy which is vital for any pregnancy decision. Clients receive support and referrals within the community to assist with needs they may have.

The final stage is Post-Event, also known as First Steps. This phase educates clients to learn positive parenting and life skills to build healthy family relationships. Programs offered include 'little steps' which is a 3-5 year-old curriculum, childbirth education/planning and parenting classes. Although the final stage, clients are always welcome to stay in touch with counselors at Clarity Clinic. Another phase of Post-Event would be post-loss support to assist with adoption or the loss of a pregnancy.

Time was allowed for many questions. This represents a great service to Platteville and our surrounding communities.

Weekly Speakers:

June Speakers – Thank you to Ken Kamps for coordinating.

June 1 – Business Meeting

June 8 – Jim Hamilton: Latest developments in Lens Coating

June 15 – Tom Sigwarth: Platteville Historical Facts

June 22 – Ken Kamps: Impressions of Russia

June 29 – Charlie Clark sponsoring:

Jason Julius, Day in the Life of a Principal

