

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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

Platteville Optimist Weekly Bulletin - Friday, April 21, 2017

Attendance: 31 Members – Tim Boldt, Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dave Jones, Maggie Kleisath, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Gary Mnson, Fern Nall, Tom Fall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, Linda Thomas, Gene Weber, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz

Guests: It was a pleasure to welcome Middle School Teachers, Sarah Droessler and Jay Geisin, instrumental in promoting the annual Optimist Essay Contest in their classrooms. We were also delighted to welcome parents/family members, Ryan Wiegel, Jill Goffinett, Michelle Iselin and Cyrena Sexton present for the presentations of their children.

Mystery Greeter: Bob Weier greeted Dave Jones this morning.

Joker Draw: Howard Crofoot had the lucky ticket this morning, but drawing the joker was not to be.

Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Happy Anniversary to Eileen Nickels, celebrating on April 25.

Installation of New Members: Maxine announced that in visiting with Fern Nall, the speakers she has for May will more than fill up the allotted time for speakers during our Friday meetings. With this in mind, the installation of our new members will be scheduled at the business meeting on May 5. Maxine requested sponsors to coordinate with new members.

Old Business:

Tri-Star Basketball: April 23 at UWP Bo Ryan Court. President Haertzen thanked the volunteers for signing up. A request was issued for one for to help with registration and our new member, Linda Thomas volunteered.



Program: *This morning we experienced why we do, what we do, as members of the Platteville Optimist Club.* It was a pleasure to welcome Essay winners, Kaelyn Wiegel and Sarah Iselin and Oratorical winner, Clarissa Sexton. These young ladies are 8th grade students at Platteville Middle School.



Optimist member, Gary Munson, the coordinator for these two local and SWIS District events, gave a brief definition of 'essay' versus 'oratorical'. He then introduced the speakers and called upon them to present their masterpiece to the membership. The topic for the Essay Contest was "**Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges.**" The essays presented this morning will be judged with others within the SWIS District with the winning essay eligible for a \$2,500.00 scholarship. The Oratorical topic was "**What the World Gains from Optimism.**" Clarissa Sexton will present her speech at the SWIS District Conference in WI Dells in May along with other students within the SWIS District. Winners are eligible for up to \$25,000 in scholarships. I am comfortable speaking on behalf of all members present this morning in congratulating both students and parents. These presentations were truly remarkable. Bob Weier also extended a thank you to Gary Munson for taking the lead role the past years to make both the Essay and Oratorical successful programs in our community.

Weekly Speakers: **April Programs, Coordinator(s), Maxine Lane**

April 28 – Troy Maggied, Executive Director SWWRPC (retaining young professionals in SW Wisconsin).

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May 5 – Business Meeting (installation of new members)

May 12 – Deputy Ben Keller and K9 Riko (service of K9 dogs)

May 19 – Chief Doug McKinley and Chief Ryan Simmons (department updates)

May 26 – Grant County Sheriff Nate Dreckman (update on Kids in Crisis and design/progress of new jail)

Optimistically Submitted,

Maxine Lane

