

## PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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: 25 Members – Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Dan Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Mark Haas, Kevin Haertzen, Maxine Lane, Pat Moxness, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Guy Stead, Bob Stephens, Ernie Thalmann, Gene Weber, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: Our speaker, Vikki Peterson was welcomed by President Schambow.

Mystery Greeter: Dan Engelke greeted Howard Crofoot.

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** Birthday wishes were extended to John Adams today, 2/8 and to Tim Boldt on 2/12.

<u>Joker Draw:</u> Greg Sieckman was holding the lucky ticket and Mary was hoping for a "BIG" win with Valentine's Day approaching. Mary would have to settle for a \$2.00 gift as Greg drew the 9 of hearts.

<u>Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:</u> President Schambow announced a thank you had been received from the Food Pantry for our donation in December. An invitation was also shared from the Platteville Chamber on their upcoming awards night.

**Ron Weier Announcement:** President Schambow announced she had received notice from R Weier that the Jordan Flogel family recently lost everything in a fire. A GoFundMe page has been established if any of the Optimist members would choose to support this family of a father and three children, Lilah-age 2-size 4T, Paisleyage 5-size 6/7, Carson-age 7-size 8/9. <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/jordan-and-family-lost-everything-in-a-fire">https://www.gofundme.com/jordan-and-family-lost-everything-in-a-fire</a> Members can contact Ron Weier with questions at riweier@centurytel.net



<u>Program:</u> Beth introduced our speaker, Vikki Peterson, who we found throughout her presentation, has a passion for teaching, children and doing her part to make sure all children have the necessities to help them advance through education and equal opportunities. Originally from Virginia, Vikki and her family relocated to Platteville a little over 5 years ago. She is just now finishing up her third year as a lecturer in the Biology department at UW-P.

Inspired by her passion for making a difference for children, some 2 years ago Vikki put her name in for the Platteville School Board and is serving in that capacity yet today. She shared with the membership the tasks and challenges faced when serving on School Board, with the current challenge finding a replacement for School Superintendent. Time was allowed for questions. Vikki was a very interesting, energetic and inspirational speaker

Weekly Speakers: Thank you to Beth Frieders for serving as our speaker coordinator for February.

February 15: Donna Gavin - Computer Coding - Women who code

**February 22:** Kieler Farms – coordinated by Dennis Helbing

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane





