

ROOSTER CALL



PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

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, September 29, 2017

Attendance: 28 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcharding, Duane Borgen, Laura Brown, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Hap Daus, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Dennis Helbing, Dave Jones, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Leon Neuheisel, Becky Schambow, Greg Sieckman, Mary Sieckman, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Ernie Thalmann, John Urness, Bob Weier, Ron Weier, Wayne Wodarz.

Guests: It was a pleasure to welcome Tim Zauche, guest of Ron Weier.

Mystery Greeter: Ron Weier greeted Carley Borcharding, receiving a free entry into the Joker Draw.

Special Announcement:

- *Becky Schambow extended a Thank You to Maxine for her time spent in arranging for the Annual Banquet and work in putting together items for the Silent Auction. Maxine was presented with a beautiful mum plant.
- *Howard Crofoot provided information on a new project this year for the Platteville Area Optimist, who will be doing “Trunk or Treat” at the Mining Museum on October 28. Other civic groups are welcome to participate. Maxine will gather additional information on how we can join the Platteville Area Optimist on this project.
- *Eileen reminded the members of the United Way Fund Raiser at Steve’s Pizza Palace on Wednesday. \$10.00 gets you Pizza Buffet, Beer & Soda. Event runs from 6 – 10 PM.

Joker Draw: Prior to conducting the joker draw this morning, President Haertzen announced that Wayne Wodarz had won the joker draw Sunday evening at the Annual Banquet. This morning the lucky ticket was held by Tom Nall, with his lucky ending with an Ace!



Announcements:

Birthdays/Anniversaries: Celebrating early October Birthday’s is Doug Martin on October 2 and Maxine Lane on October 5. Celebrating anniversaries is Brad Mootz, today, September 29 and Janelle Davis on October 3.

Installation Banquet: President Haertzen commented on the banquet, stating it had a great attendance of 48. He reviewed highlights of his year, commenting how fast the year went, how much he enjoyed serving the members as President and encouraged others to step forward into a leadership position. He further congratulated Howard on being the upcoming President of Platteville Area Optimists and congratulated the 2017 Award Recipients:

- Charlie Clark: Presidents Citation
- Becky Schambow: Optimist of the Year
- Eileen Engelke: Outstanding Member of the Year
- Bill Niehaus/Bill’s Plumbing & Heating: Chuck Thalmann Service Award

Reminders:

SWIS District Conference: October 27-28 at Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld WI
Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 3, PBII Conference Room

Prior to introducing our speaker, Maxine asked the members to join her in a round of applause and appreciation to Kevin Haerten for his amazing year as our President.

Program: As Maxine prepared to introduce our speaker today, she stated it was a WOW Moment for our Club. Joining our meeting as guest speaker was Jim Kondrasuk, President of Optimist International. Joining the Middleton Optimist Club in 1980, Jim has served as a Club President, District Lt. Governor, Governor and International VP. He has served on several Committees, including Finance, Governance, Pension, Candidate Qualifications, Strategic Planning, New Club Building and the International Board of Directors. Jim spent 20+ years in the banking industry and for the past 15 has worked as an independent financial advisor. A father of three adult children and the proud grandpa of one grandson, Jim lives in Madison and is, of course, a Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer Fan.



Focusing on Choosing Your Successor and Leaving a Legacy, Jim reminded members how important it is to continually recruit new members and to stay Optimist Strong. New members are critical to the longevity of Optimists and the work that is done to ‘Bring Out the Best in Kids.’ He spoke of his year as OI President, how fast his year was, how happy he was to be ‘back home’ on his final day as President, his year being that of the ‘Honor Club’ and his ‘Proud Moments’ during his term, those being the Junior Golf Tournament, World Oratorical and the JOII Convention. A Wisconsin Badger Fleece Blanket was presented to Jim as a gift of appreciation for sharing his time with our Club.

Weekly Speakers: October Programs, Coordinator(s), Tom Nall and Dan Engelke

October 6, Business Meeting

October 13, Barb Daus & Jan Weier (Platteville Community Scholarship)

October 20, TBD

October 27, Julie Klein (update on the new motel)

Minutes taken and drafted for Rooster Call by Maxine Lane

