March 27, 2015

**Attendance:** Twenty-five (25) Optimists and no guests, with eight (8) wearing their Optimist shirts.

Mystery Greeter: Fern Nall greeted our president, Maxine Lane.

Luck of the Draw: Dave Jones won the Joker Draw and drew something other than the joker, and won \$2.00

## **Business Meeting:**

- ++ Maxine indicated to the members present that we are still looking for someone to fill the upcoming Second Vice President position. We are also looking for new board members.
- ++ Upcoming events for the club include
  March 29<sup>th</sup> Tri-Star Basketball.
  April 11<sup>th</sup> Euchre/Game Night Social
  May 2<sup>nd</sup> SWIS District Zone Meeting.
- ++ The SWIS District Zone Meeting will be held in Madison, where the Oratorical Contest winners will present their speeches during lunch. Anyone interest in attending can contact Maxine.
- ++ Dave Allen was installed as the newest member of the Club. Charlie Clark was his sponsor.
- ++ A sympathy card was passed around for signing by the members. Maxine will send it to Governor Jeff Kuchenbecker whose sister passed away.
- ++ Reminder to Board members that the next board meeting will be March 31st at the Incubator Building.



Dave Allen (Ift), our newest club member, with sponsor Charlie Clark (rt).

## **Program:**

Ron Weier introduced today's speaker, Barb Daus, who began by stating that she "failed" retirement. Having always been involved in charitable and community, after officially retiring from UW-Platteville Barb soon after accepted a position with the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Barb gave us background information on the history of the foundation. She talked about the transfer of wealth and as our children move and relocate; any wealth passed on to them will leave our community. A donation or legacy left to the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin will continue to support our community and local organizations. As a 501c3, the Community Foundation handles all the paperwork

needed for a charitable organization. This is very beneficial to smaller organizations and affiliates of the Foundation. Smaller dollar amounts can be donated and enjoy the benefits of professional money managers at the Foundation. This gives donors the opportunity to establish funds for special purposes.

Barb travels to several communities to assist with their foundations and goals. The PHS Scholarship Fund and the Platteville Community Fund are two affiliates of the Foundation. Anyone can make a gift in any amount to the Platteville Community Fund and every gift goes back into the community. Awards from the fund are made through grant applications twice a year. The PHS Scholarship Fund includes three general scholarship endowment funds that in building each year can help ensure scholarships for students in the future. For more information visit www.cfsw.org



Today's speaker, Barb Daus, with March's program organizer, Ron Weier.

## **Upcoming April Programs/Speakers:**

April 3: Monthly membership business meeting

April 10: Johnny T. O'Shea, Platteville Postmaster, on the US Postal Service on the local and national level.

April 17: Ela Kakde, Exec. Dir., Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation (PAIDC)

April 24: Patti and Terry Cullen, and Meghan Skemp, on local suicide prevention and suicide survivors support.

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