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<u>Attendance:</u> 30 Members – Tim Boldt, Carley Borcherding, Duane Borgen, Chris Budden, Paul Budden, Charlie Clark, Howard Crofoot, Penny Droessler, Eileen Engelke, Gary Engelke, Beth Frieders, Kevin Haertzen, Bob Hundhausen, Ken Kamps, Maggie Kleisath, Karen Kurt, Maxine Lane, Steve Lane, Doug Martin, Tim Murphy, Fern Nall, Tom Nall, Alaina Reeves, Becky Schambow, Jerry Schewe, Joy Schewe, Bob Stephens, Barb Stockhausen, Linda Thomas, Ron Weier

<u>Guests:</u> President Schambow acknowledged and welcomed our speaker, Ela Kakde and also welcomed Jim Boeble, a guest of Ron Weier and the new Superintendent at the Platteville School District.

<u>Cheese Curd Sign Up:</u> First order of business was to circulate the signup sheet for the Grant County Fair, starting Wednesday evening, August 14 and running through Sunday, August 18. President Schambow encouraged everyone to sign up and we need everybody's help to fill the various time slots and maximize our budget for next year.

Mystery Greeter: Carley Borcherding greeted one of most recent members, Bob Hundhausen.

<u>Birthdays/Anniversaries:</u> No annivesaries in the immediate future to acknowledge; however the following were celebrating birthdays: Gary Engelke, 7/15 (a milestone birthday which should help his golf game by hitting off of the gold T's. Matt Tyc will also be celebrating a birthday on 7/17.

<u>Joker Draw:</u> A name that pops up frequently, Steve Lane, cutting the 3 of clubs. Steve had told Charlie if he won he would give Bob Weier ½. He did not win the pot; however, did share his \$2.00 with Bob.

Mail/Thank You Notes/Club Acknowledgements:

 President Schambow acknowledged a thank you from Dwayne Shea for our support at Badger Boys State.

OLD BUSINESS/REMINDERS:

- o Party in the Park Thursday, July 25. Signup sheet will be forthcoming
- o Grant County Fair, signup circulated. Maxine will follow up with an email to all members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advance notice regarding meeting on August 23. We are going to do a road trip to Kieler Farms.
 Plans are to car pool from Country Kitchen, donuts, coffee, juice, etc. will be available with a suggested donation to cover costs.

<u>Program:</u> It was a pleasure to welcome Ela Kakde, Executive Director of Platteville Area Industrial Development Corporation (PAIDC), introduced by Karen Kurt.



If we left with nothing else, we are now deputies of PAIDC to reach out to people we know, businesses that could benefit our community and to share why we live and work and grow our families in Platteville. So on behalf of Ela, to those who were not in attendance, you also are now deputized.

Ela has been with PAIDC for six years, is a world traveler, which her travels added to and reinforced her interest and enthusiasm in economic development. She was a member of the Peace Corp for a period of time which allowed her to teach new and better ways of doing things in countries she visited. Ela strongly recommended serving in the Peace Corp to enhance your life as well as the lives of others.

About Platteville and the involvement of PAIDC...Ela talked about our niche, which is agriculture and food manufacturing, thus we have Mound View Cheese, recently occupying the former Dick's Bakery building, as well as Emmi Roth in the industrial park. Also growing in the Industrial Park is Skyway Precision, which recently purchased Daleo Machining, and has a contract with John Deere in parts manufacturing. Another move Ela talked about was the move by 4 x Innovations from the Platteville Business Incubator into their own building, the former Daleo Machining building. This business started at PBII and has grown and prospered and thus have established the business at a new location. Multiple other points of interest were shared by Ela and there was time allowed for Q & A.

Having listened to Ela for a short 20-25 minutes, our community is fortunate to have her on our team, working to bring industry and growth to Platteville. Ela did not take credit alone, she acknowledged the team she works with to accomplish both short term and long term goals for the City of Platteville.

Weekly Speakers: Thanks to Karen Kurt for coordinating our July speakers.

July 19: Karen Kurt, City Manager

July 26: Ashley Riniker, owner of D.I.E.T. (Do I Eat That?)

With the support of other Optimist Members, Bob Weier has done an excellent job coordinating our speakers for August.

August 3: Business Meeting

August 9: Dr. Jeff White, the difference between DO, PA, NP,

August 16: Lori Laufenberg, Snap Fitness,

Nutrition and Physical Fitness

August 23: Road trip to Kieler Farms

August 30: Pending

Minutes taken and drafted by Maxine Lane

Optimist International Convention June 27 - 30, 2020 Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel Party in the Park July 25 3-5 set up 5-7:30 serving & cleanup



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