



ROOSTER CALL



'Second Time Around'

Platteville Optimist Club

Vision Statement

"To impact the lives of youth in a positive and encouraging manner"

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT RON

As I reflect on the past quarter, I continue to appreciate our members and all the work you do for the youth of Platteville. No matter what we do, there are always members who volunteer to make our activities a big success. Tri-Star Basketball, Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest and many others have resulted in lots of kids having fun along with their parents. Thanks to all members that give so generously of their time and talents.

Recently, I had the privilege to represent our club at the PHS Award Night. Our club gave a \$1,000 scholarship to Jackson Gormley, son of Melissa Gormley and Tim Ingram. It was a special night to watch as 70 members of the class of 2016 received awards. Also, it was impressive to watch the number of our Optimist club members deliver awards on behalf of other organizations in our community.

We are still in need of members to step up to serve on the Board and for someone to come forth to serve as Second Vice President. Beth Frieders, Maggie Kleisath, Fern Nall and Maxine Lane have served well. Their terms of service to the club are sincerely appreciated. I look forward to serving under the guidance of President, Kevin Haertzen and First Vice President, Wayne Wodarz. Please consider joining the 2016-2017 leadership team as a Board Member or Second Vice President.

As we enter the last quarter, I look forward to finishing a few things that have been started, working as a team to deliver goodies at Party in the Park and generating money to fund all of the service organizations we support. I also look forward to transferring the President's Gavel to Kevin Haertzen in late September.

Ron Weier, President

PROMISE YOURSELF



WE NEED YOU

I'm going to jump on the bandwagon along with President, Ron Weier and hopefully reach members who will step forward and serve either on the Board or step into the position of Second Vice President. We are close to confirming our Board Members; however are in need of a Second VP.

Our club has been successful for 48 years because of the loyalty of our members and also because those who are willing to serve in a leadership position. If you are 'on the fence' and would like to serve just not sure 'what to expect', you are welcome to join a Board Meeting, at your convenience. We meet monthly, the Tuesday before the first Friday at 7:00 AM at Platteville Business Incubator conference room. Worried you might not be able to attend each meeting? Not a problem. You serve with Optimist Members who are working with the same goals. Remember what we are all about. . .Our Vision Statement:

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in a positive and encouraging manner.**

THANK YOU – THANK YOU – THANK YOU

Thanks to brother Ron for extending a surprise invite to my Optimist Friends to share in my 70th birthday party, planned by my sister and family. Thank you to Maxine for allowing me this space to say 'Thank You' to the many members that remembered me with a card and/or joined in the birthday celebration. I am truly humbled with the friendships I have made through my membership with the Platteville Optimist Club. Thank you again for joining in my celebration and more importantly, thank you for your friendship.



*In Optimism....
Bob Weier*



FOOTBALL CRAZR SUPPORTS OPTIMISTS

Gary Engelke attended the 3rd Quarter SWIS District Conference and joined the other SWIS District Clubs who participates in the Football Crazr Program. Tickets are \$20/each with proceeds supporting OI as well as participating clubs. For many years our club participated in the program; however, somehow over the years was overlooked. Please contact Gary Engelke, 732-6663 if interested in purchasing one or more tickets. Several have already sold with some being assigned to members to sell to family and friends. Support OI, your club and possibly win yourself.



A MESSAGE THAT CAN SAVE A LIFE

The following poem was shared with me. I'm passing along to my Optimist Friends as it is what we share that can make a difference. Please share as you see appropriate.

Take Me in Your Arms (Miss Heroin)

So now, little man, you've grown tired of grass
LSD, goofballs, cocaine and hash,
and someone, pretending to be a true friend,
said, "I'll introduce you to Miss Heroin."
Well honey, before you start fooling with me,
just let me inform you of how it will be.

For I will seduce you and make you my slave,
I've sent men much stronger than you to their graves.
You think you could never become a disgrace,
and end up addicted to Poppy seed waste.
And once I've entered deep down in your veins,
the craving will nearly drive you insane.
You'll swindle your mother and just for a buck,
you'll turn into something vile and corrupt.
You'll mug and you'll steal for my narcotic charm,
and feel contentment when I'm in your arms.

The day, when you realize the monster you've grown,
you'll solemnly swear to leave me alone.
If you think you've got that mystical knack,
then sweetie, just try getting me off your back.
The vomit, the cramps, your gut tied in knots,
the jangling nerves screaming for one more shot.
The hot chills and cold sweats, withdrawal pains,
can only be saved by my little white grains.

There's no other way, and there's no need to look,
for deep down inside you know you are hooked.
You'll desperately run to the pushers and then,
you'll welcome me back to your arms once again.

And you will return just as I foretold!
I know that you'll give me your body and soul.
You'll give up your morals, your conscience, your heart,
and you will be mine until, "Death Do Us Part"

TRI-STAR BASKEBAL



Platteville Optimists
Tri-Star Basketball
April 9. It was also a
UW-P Basketball



hosted 32 kids at the competition on pleasure to welcome players, Cole Hake, Boston Johnson, Sam Hohfelder, Matt Oestreich, Trey Siegel, Cassie Hamer and Elisa Bildeback. Going back a few years, Cassie and Elisa participated in the Optimists Tri-Star Basketball event. It was also a pleasure having Assistant Coach, Rob Stallion join us and talk with the kids about establishing good habits when it comes to school and sports. As reported by Duane Borgen, 12 kids from our local competition went on to the district competition in Mukwonago. We came up with a gold medal winner this year. Congratulations to Lucas Ludlum, who took first place in the 8 year old boys division.

It's All About the Kids!!

OPTIMIST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

President, Ron Weier, had the distinguished privilege of presenting our \$1,000 scholarship on May 16, 2016 to graduating senior, Jackson Gormley. Jackson will be attending UW-Madison and will major in Biology & Chemistry. Jackson is the son of Melissa Gormley and Tim Ingram.



YOUR 'SHIRT' CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

It is a pleasure to acknowledge our member, Tom Nall, for his generosity in supporting Optimist International Childhood Cancer. A personal endeavor Tom adopted when he was President of our club in 2009-2010, was to donate .50 for each Optimist shirt that members wore to the Friday morning meetings. Unfortunately we do not have historical information; however, first quarter 2016, his donation was \$35.00. Thank you, Tom, for your outstanding representation of Platteville Optimists.



**It's All About
What WE Are All About**

Congratulations go out to . . .

Duane Borgen, on the birth of grandson, George Frederick Borgen, born on March 25 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. We also congratulate Duane on his recent retirement from the City of Platteville.

WELCOME WAGON

It is a pleasure to once again welcome two new members.

Sponsored by Gary Engelke, Guy Stead joined our club in March. A lifelong resident of Platteville, Guy lives on County D with this wife Sally. Guy and Sally have two children and are soon to be grandparents, thanks to both their daughter Kelly and son Adam. A retired school teacher, guy enjoys spending time with his family, bowling and traveling.



In April, we welcomed Tri-Com, Inc., Greg Banfield as a Friend of Optimist. Many thanks to Bob Weier, for reaching out to Greg and introducing him to our club.

***It Is With Optimistic Enthusiasm We Welcome
Guy Stead and Tri-Com, Inc., Greg Banfield***

POWER WASHED ~ SHINED ~ ALMOST READY



It takes a team to get a job done. Thanks to Bob Weier & Steve Lane for working at getting the trailer ready for the upcoming season.

MESSAGE FROM OUR KING KURD and the CHEESE CURD COMMITTEE

Are You Ready? Our season of fundraising is approaching fast. We had a record year in 2015 and with the help and dedication of our membership, we can meet or exceed last year. Everyone has talent in one area or another when preparing our curds for delivery to our customers. It definitely takes a team effort. Each shift also needs a shift leader; someone who can help the shift



run smoothly and assure our product is at the level of quality we expect. Grant County Fair is Aug. 17-21. Plan now for what shifts you can work and expect to hear from Ken Kamps in the coming months. We continue to gain new youth organizations and/or events that our Club can support, thus the importance of a successful fundraising season.

OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK

June

5.31 – June Board Meeting 7 AM
12 – Grant County Dairy Breakfast
14 – Flag Day
19 – Father's Day
20 – Summer Begins
28 – July Board Meeting 7 AM



July

04 – Independence Day
28 – Party In the Park
Volunteer Recognition



August

02 – Board Meeting 7 AM
17-21 – Grant County Fair
30 – Sept. Board Meeting 7 AM



OPTIMISTS OUT and ABOUT

A great evening with great friends! Our 'Spring into Spring' social was enjoyed by 18 members/spouses/guests. Gathering at Steve's Pizza, we enjoyed a few tasty beverages; the ever famous 'Steve's Pizza' and followed with our annual Euchre tourney with a few playing dominos and/or cribbage. It was a pleasure to have Platteville Area Optimist Members, Christine Storlie and George Krueger also join us for the evening. Winning \$10.00 was Maxine Lane and Ron Weier, high score in ladies and men's categories and winning \$5.00 was Jessica Brogley and Guy Stead, claiming the low scores.



Platteville Optimists have adopted the Platteville Community Arboretum garden just west of Country Kitchen along the Rountree Branch Trail. Awaiting guidelines, several Optimists have volunteered to help our lead coordinator, Beth Frieders, keep the garden free of weeds and maintain the beauty for all to enjoy.

MONTHLY/WEEKLY PROGRAMS

We couldn't do it without you! Many thanks to Ken Kamps, Charlie Clark & Wayne Wodarz and Ron Weier (and helpers) for coordinating speakers for June, July and August, respectively. volunteers to make an organization Platteville Optimists has proven results!



It takes many successful and

OPTIMISTS MEMORY MAKING MOMENTS



**No Joke
First Winner
Of 2016**

**Welcome to
new member
Guy Stead**



**Grandpa time!
Looks pretty
intense!!**

**Thank You
for your 32 years
of service to our
Community**



SHARING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sending Birthday Wishes to .

June

09 – Ernie Thalmann
19 – Ron Weier

July

15 – Gary Engelke

August

03– Eileen Nickels	11 – Terry Beebe
05 – Maggie Kleisath	26 – Dave Jones
09 – Jim Boll	28 – Barb Stockhausen
10 – Gary Munson	29 – Fern Nall



Sending Anniversary Wishes to Member & Spouse

June

02 – Jerry & Joy Schewe	26 – Wayne Wodarz
07 – Ann Cooley	26 – Phil Swift ('76)
13 – John Urness	27 – Steve & Maxine Lane
18 – Tom & Fern Nall	29 – Terri Ellis
20 – Guy Stead	30 – Howard Crofoot

July

11 – Leon Neuheisel
26 – Arnie Roper
29 – Gary & Eileen Engelke



August

17 – Steve & Maggie Kleisath	22 – Virgil Pufahl
18– Jim Olds ('56)	23 – Ken Kamps
20 – Anne Klawiter	31 – Gary Munson

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST

In the March newsletter, the membership anniversary for Brad Mootz was omitted. Congratulations to Brad. He joined our membership in May, 2015.

June

1989 – Eileen Nickels (L)	2004 – Gary Engelke
2003 – Terri Ellis	2004 – Eileen Engelke
2004 – Tim Murphy	*2015 – Melby Funeral Home

July

1975 – Virgil Pufahl	2007 – Terry Beebe
1976 – Jim Boll (L)	* 2015 – Warco Transportation
1993 – Barb Stockhausen	* 2015 – Dairy Queen/ Country Kitchen

August-

1994 – Mike Olds	2012 – Steve Kleisath
2004 – Diane VanNatta	2012 – Maggie Kleisath
2012 – Gary Munson	

(L) – Lifetime Members (*) – Friends of Optimist

Please forward pictures and information for sharing with members to msmacy105@yahoo.com. We would love to share in your 'Memory Making Moments'.