MEETING 7:00 A.M.

**EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT** 

## Friday, January 16, 2015

**Attendance:** Twenty-One (21) Optimists attended today, with seven (7) (Bob, Charlie, Steve, Maxine, Leon, Tom and Howard) wearing their Optimist shirts.

Mystery Greeter: Gary Engelke greeted Charlie Clark.

**Joker Draw:** Steve Lane's ticket was drawn for the Joker Draw. With 15 cards left, Steve drew the 3 of Hearts, winning \$2 instead of half of approximately \$1275. in the pot. New Joker Draw this evening at the Post Holiday Social at Bob Weier's this evening.

## **Business Meeting:**

- ++ Kevin and Fern were installed as VP and Board positions. (See picture on next page.)
- ++ The Dime-a-Day campaign is at 19 so far with a goal of 23.
- ++ Mike Olds talked about the upcoming auction Fundraiser at PHS on February 28th.
- ++ Like our morning club, the Noon Optimist Club would also be interested in supporting the UW-Platteville Optimist Club's Pot Luck to be held after their youth activity this spring.

## **Program:**

Stacia Stephenson, coordinator for speakers at our January morning meetings, introduced Sandie Brick-Margelofsky, the Program Manager for the Robert & James Wright Center for Non-Traditional and Veteran Students.

Located in Royce Hall at UW-Platteville Campus, the center is for dedicated use by non-traditional students and veterans for meetings, studying, or just hanging out. The mission of the Wright Center is to enhance the educational and interpersonal experiences of veteran and non-traditional students while supporting their degree attainment.

For non-traditional students, the goal is to help assist them (25 years or older, married/divorced/widowed, or a parent) in making a successful academic and social



transition to UW-Platteville. For the veteran students, there is a school certifying official on hand to answer questions and to assist students with utilizing their benefits. The Veterans Club on campus is dedicated to assisting veterans so that they may be successful in their transition to college life through social activities, workshops and service projects.

UW-Platteville has been added to the list of Military Friendly Schools, compiled by Victory Media Inc. The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students, and ensure their success on campus.



New 2nd V.P. Kevin Haertzen, and new board member Fern Nall, promise to be 'good citizens' for the team! Howard Crofoot, Governor Elect for the SWIS district, officiates their induction into their new offices.

Minutes taken and submitted by Bob Weier; edited for "Rooster Call" by Charlie Clark.