

ROOSTER CALL

PLATTEVILLE OPTIMIST CLUB

MEETING 7:00 A.M.

EVERY FRIDAY AT TAKE 2 RESTAURANT

Friday, May 8, 2015

Attendance: We had a real crowd, twenty-nine (29) Optimists and one guest, Barb Daus. Eight of our members wore their Optimist shirts.

Mystery Greeter: **Becky Schambow** greeted “**Lucky**” **Leon Neuheisel**.

Luck of the Draw: **Steve Lane**’s ticket was drawn (again!) for the Joker Draw. The 7 of Diamonds brought Steve two bucks. Diane VanNatta won the wind chimes which were made and donated by Sue Meylor.

Business Meeting:

- ++ Maxine distributed the Dime-A-Day pins for the members who participated in this promotion.
- ++ May 16th, the Noon Club is sponsoring Bike Safety. This will be held at 9 AM at Westview School. Terry Vaassen is donating helmets for this event. Ken and Ron will be helping and they could use a couple more volunteers.
- ++ We will meet at Platteville Business Incubator next Friday and Ed White will be our speaker.
- ++ Mike Olds was approached as an Optimist member to ask for a donation to 8th Grade Parents who are planning a graduation party for the students. A motion to donate \$200.00 from the Joker Draw was made by Ron Weier and seconded. All approved.

Program:

Fern Nall introduced our speakers for today. Matt Heer and his students – Ryan, Kaitlyn, Max and Dean. Each one of them talked about their favorite parts of the NASA project. It ranged from practice runs, plane rides, the buoyancy lab and working with the pilots, technicians and engineers. Matt indicated they were very generous and great people to work with.

The five prongs of the HUNCH program are Research & Development, Food, Machining, Assembly and Sewing. A total of 16 schools participated in the project. The project was worked on sometimes for a couple years or more. Their project involved stabilizing a camera in space and maintaining control of it. They developed an APP so astronauts would have remote access for control. The experiment was tested while in a Glove Box so if anything went wrong, it would be contained and no one would be harmed.

All the students expressed how this program has affected their future plans. It really gave them insight into areas they really want to pursue.

Matt indicated you can google PHS and find Matt Heer. There is a video that can be viewed of the project. He also said the HUNCH Group has a website.

