



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** January 8 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

**CONDUCTED BY:** President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Jody Merry

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Dan Petersen

SECRET GREETER: Scott Radford

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Teresa Lopez (Dallas Lopez)

**GUESTS:** Amanda Voitosky Marie Moore Julie Brula Steve Fleming

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 9

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

## **MEETING NOTES:**

Bob Pancich reminds us that we now have our 501c3 for donations. Great place for "in lieu of flowers" and to make donations before the tax year ends

Great Falls Hockey passes are available. Contact President John

Ski Trip, be thinking of dates, let Matt or Jody Merry know thots

**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:** \$75, 250!!!! New record!! Sorry, Dan. Thanks for all the hard work!!!

**CASCADE OF TALENT:** The venue has been changed to GFHS for the show March 1. the dress rehearsal will be February 26-28. There is a huge cost savings attached with this. Besides that the Club will have a much more active role in the event, many volunteers will be needed. One ticket will get the audience in for both shows. Tickets will be sold at Kaufman's and the Credit Union. If you want to sell tickets, let Paulette know. Auditions will be January 17 at 8 am at West Elementary. Needs lots of help. There are 78 auditions for 40 slots. Website is [cascadeoftalent.com](http://cascadeoftalent.com) for forms

**CCC FAMILIES:** Christmas presents from the Club were Carmike Theatre gift cards. Kyler, being out of the area, received Redbox and Pizza Hut gift cards.....Wyatt Landry has a cold not no fever. He's doing great. His dad, Tom, had an accident at work and cut his thumb with a chain saw. He's had surgery to re-attach the tendon. He's recovering quickly.....Kyler Streib is doing great. He is 80+ days post transplant. Every day he needs to get 47 fluid ounces in him. This has been a challenge, but the Redbox movies have helped with bribery. The goal is to be home in February. Rob, dad, is still working on sterilizing the house..... Austyn Marchion will be a big sister to a baby brother in April. Justine, mom, is doing great. The physicians are watching her closely.

**PGI -** Jeff Barnhardt

**PROGRAM:** Youth Dynamics, Inc

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Marie Moore from AWARE, Inc spoke regarding their program. AWARE supports families and individuals from birth to 100 who have development delay. The goal of all support is to teach the 'kids' and families how to cope and to lead productive, fulfilling lives. Begun in Anaconda, this program has expanded to several towns in Montana with counselors and group homes. They are funded by donations, insurance and sliding fees. They follow a rules of "empower not enable".

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:** Don Engellant - not present

Upcoming - Bret, Darla and Jen Ewer

Upcoming - Mike Flaherty

***UPCOMING:***

*January 15 - Program - David Otey "A.C.T. Out! 3 Life Lessons Learned in the Theater".*

*January 17 - Cascade of Talent auditions at 8 am at West Elementary*

*January 17 - Zone Meeting in Helena*

*January 22 - Steak Night, Holiday Inn. (Buffet for all other participants)*

*February 20-21 - District Board Meeting, Medicine Hat*

*February 26-28 - Cascade of Talent Rehearsals*

*March 1 - Cascade of Talent show*

*March 28 - Presidential Roast*

*April 9 - Oratorical*

*May 13-16 - District Convention*

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** *Jesse Cameron 1/9 Kayla Thomas 1/17*

**SIDE POT:** *Ev Hall*

*Optimist gift:*



**Officers & Board Members:**

**PRESIDENT:** *John Huotari* / **1ST VP:** *Eric Christian* / **2<sup>ND</sup> VP:** *Travis Harp*  
**SECRETARY:** *Rachel Huotari* / **TREASURER:** *Herb Waltermire*

**BOARD MEMBERS:** *Sue Bridgeford, Herb Waltermire, Eric Christian, Travis Harp, John Huotari, Rachel Huotari, Stacey Murray, Shane Neuman, Loralie Schroedel, Ike Kaufman, Matt Ott and Denny Hanenburg*

Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the Great Falls Transition Center 6:00 PM

FOO Members: Bargas Brigade Randy Bogden James Carpenter Stephen Hagan  
Montana Federal Credit Union Smoot Honey Co., Inc State Farm Insurance  
Stewart Title True Brew Espresso Eugene Tynes, DDSPC Zachary Jarvis  
Sommerfeld & Sons Land & Livestock James Rehm Advanced Agency Alliance

Loralie – mail newsletters to Hank Seeman, Gary Wallace and Mike Peet

\*\*\*\*This is the time of the year that we often see both expected and unexpected acts of generosity. It is heartwarming to see the efforts of some make the lives of others more enjoyable. It is moving to see burdens lessened and lives enhanced by the selfless contributions by many people and entities. Not so heartwarming to me is the unabashed self-congratulatory back patting by some as they extol their generosity. I subscribe to the thoughts of Frank A. Clark, 19<sup>th</sup> century politician, who said, "*Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out.*" While any act that lessens a burden for others is appreciated, it seems to me that anonymity is a key element in sincerity. I encourage you to cloak your generosity in sincerity without need of recognition.

Ev Hall ☺

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