



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
P.O. Box 462 / Great Falls, Montana 59403

the
UPTIMIST
AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: January 22 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Erica Harp

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Scott Radford

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Bev Christian and Brett Howell**

President's Toast: Steve Fleming (Scott Radford)

GUESTS: Jim Feeler (Kathy Christensen) Tyler Grina (Ronnie Grina) Barbara Fleming (Steve Fleming) Liz Dracos, DG Perezchica, Dana Livings (Roger Lesofski)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 8

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 4

MEETING NOTES:

JOOI Club is doing a food drive at both IGA's. Jennifer Rutledge can also accept donations at the Uptown meetings for convenience

In School Scouting is going very well. Over 250 girls from Whittier, Longfellow and the Boys and Girls Club are involved.

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: March 7, Saturday, Showdown, let Matt or Jody Merry know if you're going in able to get a group discount

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL: Dallas Lopez announced that it will be on February 28. There will be one shift in the afternoon for set up and another shift that evening for running the

silent auction and providing security. \$60 before the event, \$65 the day of. Be working on donations - baskets, single items, etc.

P.R.: John Gregory provided a GF Tribune letter to the editor to Pres. John. West Elementary sent a thank you to the many organizations that made the holidays a little brighter for the kids

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 27-28. 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. There will be a table at the Cross Town Basketball games, if you want to sell tickets, let Paulette or Jan Mader know. Jan also has lots of posters available for advertising.

John Huber is heading up the sponsorship ads. Anyone who has a potential ad should make the sale, then contact John and he will help with details of the ad. If you are not comfortable making the sale, get the contact info to John.

Prices are \$50 for business card size, \$75 for a $\frac{1}{4}$ page, \$100 for a $\frac{1}{2}$ page, \$200 for a full page. See attached.

CCC FAMILIES:

PGI - Jeff Barnhardt

PROGRAM: Steak Dinner!! Eric Christian and Travis Harp presented many awards. Top Sales Teams - Cpt. Ronnie Grina, Cpt. Roger Lesofski and Cpt. Rhoda Bargas. Jessica Malek was the top New Member seller. Ev Hall took top sales. Prizes included, gift cards, cozies, vests and coolers

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Greg Franczyk

Upcoming - Mike Flaherty

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UPCOMING:

*Friday, January 23 - FFA Cascade KMON sales and service contest, **judges needed***

February 7 - Chocolate Noir

February 20-21 - 2nd Quarter District Board Meeting, Medicine Hat. All participants, contact Eric Christian beforehand.

February 27-28 - Cascade of Talent Rehearsals

February 28 - Wine and Food Festival

March 1 - Cascade of Talent show

March 7 - Ski Trip, Showdown

March 28 - Presidential Roast

April 9 - Oratorical Contest

May 15-16 - District Convention, Great Falls

BIRTHDAY CLUB: *Eric Schroedel 1/24 Kali Jean Tuckerman 2/14*

SIDE POT:

Optimist gift:



Officers & Board Members:

PRESIDENT: *John Huotari/ 1ST VP: Eric Christian / 2ND 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

*****I often hear as an inducement for a job, whether a paid position or volunteer duty, the words, "Oh, it's easy." It is as though if it were not easy you could not find anyone to do it. This is not a phrase that I feel should be used as a selling point. I prefer words like satisfying, challenging, worthwhile, fulfilling and similar synonyms. I have not

found myself attracted to any endeavor simply because it was easy. In fact I find that post accomplishment I feel the most satisfaction from a duty that was far from easy. It was Thomas A. Edison who said, "*There is no substitute for hard work.*" He understood that there is symmetry between the effort and the product. I urge you to choose tasks and responsibilities that equal or stretch your abilities, resources and skills. There is little satisfaction in easy and great worth in challenge.

Ev Hall ☺

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