



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

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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: January 29 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Jana Rehm

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Jeff Barnhardt

SECRET GREETER: Eric Christian

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Liz Drahos and Roger Lesofski**

President's Toast: Liz Drahos, Dana Livings and Theresa Schreiner (Roger Lesofski)

GUESTS: Violet Rehm Electric Roller Grrlz- Erica and Desi Member Buck Beaudry
(from the Bakken)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 6

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2

MEETING NOTES:

DUES NEED TO BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAILS AND MAIL. THANK YOU

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

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. Deadline is March 5. All monies will be collected at that time. Jodi and Matt will have tickets ready on the day of to hand out.

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL: Dallas Lopez announced that it will be on February 28, Saturday at 6 pm. 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

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: Kyler will be coming home sometime next week if all goes as planned!!!! Falls Restoration and Clean Air Care donated their services and have prepared the Streib house for Kyler's arrival! ☺ Stacy Snider will be cleaning/bleaching the house right prior to his arrival.

PGI - Jeff Barnhardt

PROGRAM: Electric City Roller Grrrlz Erica and Desi spoke on the group. Functioning for the last 5 years, this 501C3 organization puts money back into the community thru various charities. Two of their biggest are Joe's Trail and Toys for Tots. The group builds confidence, fitness and camaraderie among the women and youth it serves. A mandatory requirement to be a member is to volunteer. All skills are welcome to attend the Fresh Meat boot camp. From there, a member needs to meet the minimum skill level to be an active member. The next home competition is in May at the Expo Park. See their Facebook page for more information

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Greg Franczyk - not present

Upcoming - Mike Flaherty

Upcoming - Will Fuller

UPCOMING:

Tuesday, February 3 - 3rd Qtr Convention planning, Holiday Inn at noon

Saturday, February 7 - Chocolate Noir, 2 tables are full. Can sign up for a stand by in case of cancellations

February 20-21 - 2nd Quarter District Board Meeting, Medicine Hat. All participants, contact Eric Christian beforehand. Friday night is a Sock Hop. Saturday will have another dance after the awards. February 6 is deadline for early registration

February 27-28 - Cascade of Talent Rehearsals

February 28 - Wine and Food Festival, 6 pm

March 1 - Cascade of Talent show

March 6 - State JAAM Competition by the Cascade FFA. Judges are needed and will meet at 3 pm at the Cascade School. Contact Eric Tilleman 799-3969 or Jo Ann Eisenzimer 468-2338

March 7 - Ski Trip, Showdown

March 28 - Presidential Roast

April 9 - Oratorical Contest

May 15-16 - 3rd Quarter District Convention, Great Falls. JOOI will run the Children's activities. Liz Drahos will run the Companion activities. Western theme

BIRTHDAY CLUB: James Rehm 1/19 Mary Gregory 2/3 Kali Jean Tuckerman 2/14

SIDE POT: President John Huotari

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
Sommerfeld & Sons Land & Livestock Advanced Agency Alliance

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

*****There are times I look around and suggest to myself that I should evaluate and get rid of some things. I refer not only to those physical acquisitions but to other acquisitions as well. I have far more jackets than I need. There are shoes I seldom wear. I volunteer for many tasks that others can easily do. Are there enough hours in the day or enough energy in me manage all of this clutter in my life? It was scientist Joshua Lederberg who said, *"I wish I had a talent for dropping things as well as taking on new ones. It gets to be quite a cutter after a while."* Perhaps we need to think about this and add just one more piece of clutter. Let's put this one on the top of our "to do" list. That item is: Evaluate and rid myself of both the things and tasks I do not need. I believe we will find ourselves invigorated by the cleaner slate we have. Oh boy!! Room for more clutter.

Ev Hall ☺

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