



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:** February 12 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

**CONDUCTED BY:** President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: John Gregory

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Jack Lawson

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Paul Sampson (Herb Waltermire)

**GUESTS:** Ben Huotari(Pres. John and Rachel Huotari) Scout Pack 143 Craig Barnhart  
(Jeff Barnhart) Becka Rutledge (Jennifer Rutledge)

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 7

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MEETING NOTES:**

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

Hank Seeman is going to be having an ankle fusion surgery next Thursday. Keep him in your thots and prayers

Chocolate Noir was reported on by James Rehm. Lots of Uptown were in attendance. Lots of fun. A great time was had by all

Octagon 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 Jodi Merry know if you're going in able to get a group discount (need 15 people without season passes). 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. Call Dallas at 868-1250 or [Dallas.a.lopez@outlook.com](mailto:Dallas.a.lopez@outlook.com). Need more help for the set up shift

**P.R.:** John Gregory is working with Stacey Murray on thank you's for the cleansing of Kyler Strieb house. John is also working on publicizing the 501c3 status

**CASCADE OF TALENT:** The venue has been changed to GFHS for the show March 1. The junior high tech rehearsal is February 26 at 4:30pm. The high school tech rehearsal is February 27 at 4:30pm. The dress rehearsal will be February 28, 8-noonish for the junior high - 3:30 for the high school. 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.

**CCC FAMILIES:** No word yet on how Jordan's checkup in Seattle went. Should know soon....Kyler Streib and Misty did an interview with KRTV. Kyler did great and talked about the Seahawks.

**PGI -** Jeff Barnhardt has Doug Magers lined up to do his Level One talk next week. Also, have 65 bikes ready for any raffles or opportunities needed

**PROGRAM:** Scout Pack 143 along with Leader Greg Pinski spoke on the Charter club Uptown started in 1984. The purpose of scouting is to make a difference in the community. Pack 143 gathered 2500 pounds of food for the Food Bank in their last drive. The Pack has a cake raffle every year with proceeds going to Project Hope. Recently, the Troop had a Flag retirement ceremony, in which 50 US Flags were retired. February 28 will have a Pine Wood Derby at the Moose Lodge at 10 am. There will be a Seniors division for older scouts.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Bob Pancich

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:** Will & Tiffany Fuller - not present

Upcoming - Beth Giannini

Upcoming - Joann Gogo

**UPCOMING:**

*February 18 - Uptown Softball Reunion at the Pit Stop at 5 pm, \$10 buffet*

*February 19 - Chamber Event at the CM Russell Museum, 5-7 pm. all are welcome*

*February 20-21 - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26-28 - Cascade of Talent Rehearsals*

*February 28 - Help unload equipment for the Cascade of Talent*

*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 14 - Charter party for the Octagon Club at the Holiday Inn at 5 pm. \$15 per person for dinner. Club will cover Octagon members and their parents*

*March 28 - Presidential Roast*

*April 9 - Club Oratorical Contest*

*May 15-16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Convention, Great Falls. Octagon Club will run the Children's activities. Liz Drahos will run the Companion activities. Western theme. Jody Merry is Committee Chair*

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** *Kali Jean Tuckerman 2/14 Eric Christian 3/12*

**SIDE POT:** *Jodi Merry*

*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  
Sommerfeld & Sons Land & Livestock Advanced Agency Alliance

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

\*\*\*\*\*Ever get angry about something? Did you say or do anything that, in retrospect, you wish you hadn't? Every wonder why you did what you did or said what you said when you know you are normally a rational person? I can answer yes to each question. I need to work on how to prevent that and to best control those urges. I need to know what causes that lapse in judgment. I ran across this by lawyer and civil war veteran Robert G. Ingersoll, "*Anger is a wind which blows out the lamp of the mind.*" Now I get it. I stumble around helplessly in the dark when the lights go out and I am equally inept when anger dims my thinking. The key here is to make sure that the lamp is lit and the mind kindled before stumbling into something that you cannot retract.

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