



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** March 5 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

**CONDUCTED BY:** President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: James Rehm

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Dana Audet

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: ~~Jodi and Matt Merry (Jason Koppany and Mandy Campbell)~~  
~~John Gregory (John Abarr)~~ Brett Howell (Scott Latrey)

**GUESTS:** Greg Dozer Eric Spragg Ann Tuomi Violet & Wednesday Rehm

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 8

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 1

## **MEETING NOTES:**

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

Board Meeting --- Quality Life Concepts "Vegas in the Falls"..no action --- Cub Scout Pack 143..\$500 --- MSU College Engineering Science Fair..no action --- Cruise 4 Kids..\$500 --- In School Scouting..tabled

Dana Audet will chair Junior Golf.

Girl Scout cookies are available. See Jennifer or Becka Rutledge.

Hank Seeman has not had surgery yet. He's got some other medical issues to take care of first. Keep him in your thots and prayers

Matt Ott is getting checked out by the VA. He is having trouble standing up without passing out or having convulsions. Keep him in your thots and prayers.

Rhoda Bargas 8 yr old niece, Morgan, received a Make a Wish come true. She has gotten a match for a liver. She was med-a-vac'd from Great Falls to Denver to the Children's Hospital yesterday and is undergoing liver transport surgery. Please keep her and all of Rhoda's family in your thots and prayers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Board meeting citations given to Jana Rehm - Treasurer and Rachel Huotari - Secretary

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

**SKI TRIP:** March 7, Saturday, Showdown, gates open at 9 am. Be there earlier to collect your tickets from Matt or Jodi Merry. Jodi email [jodimerry@benefis.org](mailto:jodimerry@benefis.org) or 599-1689. Dan Petersen will pay \$25 for any one beating Ev Hall down the hill.

**WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL:** Dallas Lopez reported that all had a good time. Nice turn out by Uptown. \$8500 from the auction for the Boys and Girls Club. The donated bikes were a huge hit. Thanks to all who helped!!

**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

**STRIPING:** Bob Pancich reported that calls are coming in already. Could be starting as early as late March if the weather continues.

**CCC GOLF TOURNAMENT:** August 15

**JUNIOR GOLF:** Dana Audet

**CASCADE OF TALENT:** Stephanie Schnider reported that it was a great show. Wonderful talent!! Travis Harp also commented on the talent and how nice the venue is. Jeff Barnhardt was behind the scenes, was a bit of confusion, however, all was managed and performance went off well. James Rehm reported that \$645 in dvds and flowers. If anyone needs dvds, contact James or Paulette Walter.

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray reported that Erin England is on her way to Seattle for tests. Uptown provided \$500 for expenses.....Misty Streib was surprised by the GFPD. They had collected donations for Kyler. So far, over \$7000 in the high school t-shirts

**PGI/BIKES -** Jeff Barnhardt has had 60-70 requests for bikes for various raffles/auctions

**PROGRAM:** Eric Spragg, Cambridge Place, spoke on the differences between independent living (does not need personal care assistance, but wants amenities - linen service, social activities, transportation, etc.), assisted living (some help with daily activities, transportation, social activities, etc. - nursing staff available), memory care center (Alzheimer's and dementia patients that required different levels of care) and skilled nursing facilities (total nursing care and help with all daily activities). Long term insurance does not cover independent living situations. All these levels require thinking about your future now. Eric is available to answer any questions. Aging Services is also available to answer queries.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Bob Pancich

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:** Pat Goodover born in Missoula, but went to college in Bozeman. He started his work life as a medical technician, however, being a relator is what has taken up most of his working career. In 1969, he married. Together they have invested in real estate properties. Mike Flaherty brought Pat into Uptown the first time. After a hiatus, Pat was brought back in by Ev Hall. For the last 4-4 ½ years, Pat was much more involved with his church.

Upcoming - Beth Gianini

Upcoming - Mary Gregory

#### **UPCOMING:**

*Friday, 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*

*Saturday, March 7 - Ski Trip, Showdown, contact Jodi or Matt for carpooling. Gates open at 9 am*

*March 12 - Program - National Forensic League qualifiers for national speech meet in Dallas, TX in June. Logan Kropp, CMR, serious oral interpretation and Bailey Branvold, GFHS, humorous oral interpretation*

*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. One and all are welcome. Croissant sandwiches and sides*

*March 28 - Presidential Roast for Butch Ingebrigtsen, Heritage Inn*

*April 9 - Club Oratorical Contest, Holiday Inn*

*April 11 - STEEM Expo, GFHS, judges needed*

*May 15-16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter District Convention, Holiday Inn, Great Falls. Octagon Club will run the Children's activities. Liz Drahos will run the Companion activities. Friday is a Western theme event. Jody Merry is Committee Chair. Saturday day will be the workshops and oratorical contest. Saturday will be the banquet. Lots of entertainment is lined up. Hospitality Suite. Eric Christian Challenge, \$1000 to clean shave his face (funds go to the Junior Golf).*

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** Eric Christian 3/12

**SIDE POT:** Ev Hall

**Optimist gift:** Travis Harp



**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

Octagon Club meets Tuesday night at 6 pm at the 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist. Teenagers and Uptown are all welcome

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

\*\*\*\*\*I'm not a huge believer in luck when it comes to success. I do believe in hard work and practice. There is a lot of information that you can find on the subject of practice and how it relates to success. From Vince Lombardi and John Wooden to Michael Jordan and Lindsey Vonn, the list goes on and on. They all attribute their success to practice. Outside the sports world the same is true. Thomas Edison and Albert Einstein credit their discoveries to hard work and practicing the theories they believed in. I teach and it is amazing how this principle is lost on many young people. They get a math problem correct and if asked to redo it or a similar one, they exclaim, "But I just did it and got it right!" I ask them if they quit practicing free throws after they made one. "No," they reply. "Then why is it OK to quit practicing math?" I ask and receive no coherent response. We all need to emphasize the importance of practice to be proficient in all we do. Successful tennis champion Andre Agassi said, "If you don't practice you don't deserve to win." He didn't believe in luck nor does any consistently successful person.

Ev Hall ☺

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