



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: April 2 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Eric Christian

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Bob Pancich

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Brett Howell (Scott Latrey)

GUESTS: Ben Houtari Shelby Kuenning Don Garber Conan Rehm Barb Schmidt
Marlene Staigmiller

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 8

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2

MEETING NOTES:

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

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.

Presidential Roast - Doug Majers reported that it was a lot of fun, great job done by all. Shane Neuman reported that about 52 people attended. The Heritage did a great job with the venue, service and food. Lots of great stories. Looking forward to next year

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL: Dallas Lopez reported that there are no new numbers yet

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 the season has started. Last Saturday was a bit of challenge but did get the job completed. Notices have gone out to previous jobs. 5 bids have come in already

CCC GOLF TOURNAMENT: July 25

JUNIOR GOLF: Dana Audet

CASCADE OF TALENT: Herb Waltermire reported that no new numbers are in yet

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported that Kyler Streib is in Seattle, he has had another good report, next check up in three months....Mykala Devries has had surgery on a cleft chin, she is recovering. Austyn Marchion has a new baby brother - Colt

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhardt reminded everyone to be working on their levels. Also, still has about 9 bikes available. And lots of Easter things

PROGRAM: March of Dimes Beth Schmidt and Marlene Staigmiller spoke on a couple of fundraisers coming up. On May 6, Buffalo Wild Wings will give 20% of the ticket sales for the table with the coupons, that were passed at the meeting. On May 3, Princess for a Day will be held at the Trades & Industry Building from 1-4 pm. 18 months to 18 years can participate. \$25 donation to March of Dimes. A request was informally made for \$250 to help with the certificates for the Princesses. A hat was passed, \$262 was collected for March of Dimes. Gfprincess4aday.org May 9, is the March of Dimes walk

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Anitra Hall not present

Upcoming -

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UPCOMING:

*Thursday, April 9 - Club Oratorical Contest, Holiday Inn, pot roast with fixings for \$10.
Be there promptly at 6 pm*

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

April 13 - March of Dimes, Raise a Pint at the Mighty Mo

April 28 - Dan Garber, Great Falls Optimist Club, spoke on the benefit concert that will be at 7:30pm at the GFHS. \$12 cover will enable concert goers to enjoy Rob Quist. Proceeds will go to the Club's public school music and art program. Any help would be appreciated.

May 15-16 - 3rd 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. For the Silent Auction, items are needed. Registrations forms are available

July 24 - Big Brothers and Sisters will have the Deegan Wills Memorial Golf tournie, shot gun start at 8:30 am at Hickory Swing Golf Course

July 25 - CCC Golf Tournament

August 13-15 - District Convention, Calgary

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Ronny Grina 4/1 Henry Woloszyn 4/2 Jan Mader 4/4
Brian Waranaskas 4/18

SIDE POT: Jeff Barnhart, donated to March of Dimes

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

Octagon Club meets Tuesday night at 6 pm at the 1st 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 have met wealthy people. I am not of their ilk when measured by a financial yardstick. I have met wealthy people. I am of their ilk when measured by self-satisfaction. It is interesting to me that our perceptions of one's worth can be measured in such differing ways. It is also interesting to me that, depending on your definition of worth, the judgements can be so varying. Writer Robert Fulghum said, *"I've always thought anyone can make money. Making a life worth living, that's the real test."* As I apply his thoughts to an evaluation of myself and others it has credibility. No amount of financial success will insure that one's life is an asset to humanity in either a large or small sense. Being wealthy is truly subjective. Give me the person secure in self.

Ev Hall ☺

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