



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT

MEETING DATE/LOCATION: April 16 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Bob Pancich

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Matt Ott

SECRET GREETER: Rodger McConnell

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **no perps**

President's Toast: Brett Howell (Scott Lettre)

GUESTS: Joker & Wolfman Chris Post (Cub Scouts) Becca Rutledge Craig Barnhardt

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1

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 Becca 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

Rhoda Bargas 8 yr old niece, Morgan, is doing great. Got to be home for Easter. Please keep her and all of Rhoda's family in your thots and prayers.

STEEM Expo, Ev Hall reported that there were 400 kids with 200 exhibits. Over 30 professional exhibits. All the kids did a great job

Cub Pack 143 had their annual Cake Auction last week. Travis Harp reported that \$1360 was raised for the Montana Hope Project

Oratorical - Ev Hall reported that the 5 boys and 5 girls that competed all did a great job. Narrowed it down to 2 boys and 2 girls. However, only the 1st place finishers will be moving on. They will go straight to District. There will be no Regional this year.

Board Meeting - GF Rescue Mission present on the Family Center they plan to build...In School Scouting will be have a program for the Club in April..... \$500 to Rock & Rollerz Jr. Derby.....\$250 to CMR Speech and Debate....\$500 GF Lacrosse Club

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL: A Thank You from the Boys and Girls Club for all the help

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 32 bids are out for roughly \$19,000 in projected income. Needs to be a bit warmer to really hit the paint

HIGHWAY CLEANUP: Scott Radford will chair this year for Jesse Cameron. Date to be determined. Loralie, Jodi and Eric to cook

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

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhardt

PROGRAM: BACA Bikers Against Child Abuse, Joker and Wolfman spoke on what this group does. Their primary goal is to give an abused child empowerment, by knowing that the child has someone on their side. BACA will go to the court and be a presence for the child, giving them the strength to speak up. This is an international organization that supports these kids 24/7, 365 days a year. They do not stick to an 8 to 5 schedule. They are a non-profit 501C3. The group has been in Great Falls for a year now. Volunteers go thru extensive training before interaction with any child.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Ev Hall, with his family of 3 kids (all successful) and his wife, Carol, of 43 years, have had a great life. Every year, Ev gets together with 5 of his lifelong friends to have a "hunting" trip. No guns are allowed, just good times. As the boys are getting older, there has been a decision made to make it a "fishing" trip and gather in a warmer part of the year. Ev is the first of his family to graduate high school

and attend college. He is very passionate about teaching and learning, due to the illiteracy rate of close friends and family. Ev has done the Oratorical training for 30+ years. He has worked retail and in a sawmill. It wasn't until 1984, that Ev got into teaching in Cascade. He's been doing it ever since and loves it!! He loves the Club because his dad taught him to do unto others. Not only do you get a warm fuzzy, but you got to help someone who needed help. Thank you for all your work, Ev!

Upcoming - Don Hamilton

Upcoming - Denny Hanenburg

UPCOMING:

April 23 - Program - GF Rescue Mission

April 23 - Business After Hours - Rocky Mtn Hardscape Supply, 915 Crescent Drive

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.

April 30 - Program - In School Scouting

April 30 - Cascade FFA Chapter Banquet, 6:30 pm in the Cascade South Gym

May 3 - March of Dimes - Princess for a Day

May 6 - March of Dimes - Buffalo Wild Wings, portions of meal tickets are donations

May 15-16 - 3^d 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

May 19 - March of Dimes Walk

June 27 - Jennifer Walter (Paulette) is getting married at the Chapel Theatre

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, Anaconda Hills

August 13-15 - Annual District Convention, Calgary

BIRTHDAY CLUB: *Brian Waranaskas 4/18 Gavin McCluey 4/19 Don Hamilton 4/26
Michael Mader 4/27*

SIDE POT: *Jodi Merry*

Optimist gift: Ike Kaufman



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 sleepless nights and stressful days caused by tasks anticipated, ignored, or unsure. At times the voices in my head seem to shout at me. Time till the task is imminent seems to move at a snail's pace. Oft, the anticipated arrival of a due date or deadline seems to create a din of reminders. Then, upon joining and completing the worrisome task, I find that the knots disappear. The worry seems silly. The dreaded was not at all dreadful. It was writer William Arthur Ward who said, "Worry amplifies a whisper into a shout." It is this amplification that creates such discord in me. While I cannot wish to quell every worrisome reminder or untie every nervous knot, I do wish to muffle them a bit.

Ev Hall ☺

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