



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: April 23 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Dan Peterson

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Roger Lesofski

SECRET GREETER: Jodi Merry

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Brett Howell (Scott Lettre)

GUESTS: Becka Rutledge

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 5

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

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

Elections are coming up. All members may nominate whom they choose. So far the slate for nominees are: President - Eric Christian

1st Vice President - Travis Harp

2nd Vice President -

3 Board Members are needed

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

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.

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

P.R.: John Gregory

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported

HIGHWAY CLEANUP: Scott Radford will chair this year for Jesse Cameron. The date will be Saturday, June 6, at 9 am at the Fort Shaw post office. Scott recommends having \$5 per person for the kitty, no pun intended. The Schroedels and Jodi Merry 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: GF Rescue Mission - Family Center, Carrie Sunwall and Jim Kaiser spoke on the need for the Family Center. Homeless people are not just single men or women. Intact families are now finding themselves without the means to house themselves. 70% of the people at the Mission work, but are unable for whatever reason to afford adequate housing or food for their families. The Mission's goal is to provide the necessary shelter to enable these families to move forward and get back to being self sufficient. For more information see www.gfrm.org

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Becka Rutledge

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Denny Hanenburg joined the Uptown in 1999 or 2000. It has been a great adventure with many great friendships and wonderful opportunities. He and his wife, Pat, have a son in Charleston and a daughter in Seattle. Denny grew up in Spokane, moving to Great Falls to be in the first graduating class of CMR. He attended the College of Great Falls. He was in the Army, serving in Vietnam as a scout dog handler. Due to this very important, incredibly dangerous front line job, Denny is dealing with PTSD. He loves working the tree lot and striping.

Upcoming - Don Hamilton

Upcoming - Erica Harp

UPCOMING:

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 28 - Lewis & Clark Interpretative Center, Trail Mixer, Sue Bridgeford has tickets

April 30 - Program - In School Scouting with Sally Leap

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 - 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. **Early registration due by May 1***

May 19 - March of Dimes Walk

June 6 - Highway Cleanup

June 13 - Boys & Girls Club Color Blitz

June 27 - Relay for Life, contact Ike Kaufman to be part of the team

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: Don Hamilton 4/26 Michael Mader 4/27 Bob Pancich 5/6
Travis Harp 5/7

SIDE POT: Herb Waltermire

Optimist gift: Loralie Schroedel



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 find it somewhat distressing, even depressing at times that so many in our society seem to think that the only rules they need follow are the ones they like. Even the rules that are for the safety and protection of others seem to be challenged. It is as though there is little respect for the line that divides acceptable from unacceptable. I, without apology, attribute much of that to our legal profession who, in my opinion, care more about semantics and how they can interpret the language than about right and wrong. That said, I long for a simpler time when rules were not to be ignored nor challenged but obeyed. I fall into the camp that adheres to the words of motivational speaker Zig Zigler who observed, "If God would have wanted us to live in a permissive society, He would have given us Ten Suggestions and not Ten Commandments." Our society has created laws that are intended to be fair and just. If they do not meet that standard, change them do not ignore them.

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