



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Bill Quast

SERGEANT AT ARMS: John Gregory

SECRET GREETER: Denny Hanenburg

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Scott Radford (FOO Walmart)

GUESTS: Pauline & Allie - Octagon Club Sally Leap & Andrea Kenney Becka Rutledge

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 9

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 - Lane Little

3 Board Members are needed: Greg Franczyk, Dallas Lopez, Jan Mader

& Ev Hall

Bonnie Pancich is in the hospital. Thots and prayers for her and Bob

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 reported that the Rob Quist concert was as well attended as hoped. Rob and his crew have agreed to do the project again next year with some changes, because it's a good thing. The Downtown Club does a great project in repairing musical instruments for the schools.

STRIPING: Fellow Optimists: The warm striping weather has arrived! Here is the weekend striping schedule:

Saturday, May 2: Need: 6 Optimists About: 3 - 3 1/2 Hours

- 7 AM Pizza Hut, 1819 3rd Street NW Repaint existing
- Then Pizza Hut, 1518 10th Ave South Repaint existing
- Then Pizza Hut, 4900 2nd Ave North Repaint existing

Sunday, May 3: Need: 5 Optimists About: 4 Hours

- 7 AM Farm Bureau Fin. Services, 201 Smelter Ave NW Repaint existing
- Then Amy's Morning Perk, 910 9th Street NW Repaint existing
- Then Platt Electric, 601 River Drive (former Eagle Distr) Small layout
- Then Riddle's Jewelry, 825 10th Ave South Repaint existing
- Then Northern MT Oral Surgery, 2714 15th Ave South Repaint existing

John Huotari will be your field General in my absence. Please let me know ASAP that you will work.

Yours in Optimism,

Bob

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. Forms will be available via the website and email soon.

JUNIOR GOLF: Dana Audet

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

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported via President John, check your email for a video

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhardt is picking up more bikes from Walmart

PROGRAM: Sally Leap and Andrea Kenney with In School Scouting spoke on the need for Girl Scouts. The girls are taught leadership, money management and to set goals along with being encouraged to succeed. They are offered chances for growth and self improvement. With 32 staff in the Montana/Wyoming area, adult leadership is stretched pretty thin. The current need is to have girls have a chance to do in school scouting in the Whittier and Longfellow schools.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Becka Rutledge, Travis Harp and Ev Hall

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Don Hamilton is a native of Great Falls. Has been married to Susan for 52 years and has three children. He joined the Club in 1968 or 1969, becoming President in 1974 He was a lawyer for 40 + years. Was a school board trustee for 7 years, and spent 8 years on the Benefis board of trustees. He loves the Club. One of the first projects he worked was laying the sod for the 13th street baseball fields. He brought in Bob Pancich. Thanks for your work, Don!!

Upcoming - Erica Harp & Travis Harp
Upcoming - Channing Hartelius

UPCOMING:

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 ASAP. Registrations forms are available.

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, walk is noon to midnight

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: Bob Pancich 5/6 Travis Harp 5/7 Rachel Huotari 5/12

SIDE POT: and the Girl Scout Gift - Ike Kaufman

Optimist gift: Dan Peterson



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

F00 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 try very hard to be sensitive to the feelings of others. I must confess that I am not always successful. I further confess that I am least thoughtful of those that I am closest to. That may seem somewhat ironic but I'm fairly certain that I am not the exception to the rule. It always gives me some angst when I realize that I have hurt someone's feelings. I found this nugget of wisdom from author Maya Angelou who said, "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." As I use that scale of judgement to measure my views of others I find it very true. The advice I have for myself and you is to be cognizant of what we say and do so that we can be remembered the way we wish to be remembered.

Ev Hall ☺

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