



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT

**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** May 7 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

**CONDUCTED BY:** President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Travis Harp

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

SECRET GREETER: Herb Waltermire

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Jeff Barnhardt (FOO Walmart)

**GUESTS:** War Fair participants

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 6

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

## **MEETING NOTES:**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Travis Harp

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Lane Little

3 Board Members are needed: Greg Franczyk, Dallas Lopez, Jan Mader, Ev Hall, Pat Goodover & Scott Radford

Bonnie Pancich was in the hospital for a bowel obstruction. She is home now. Thots and prayers for her and Bob

Board Meeting - Individuals who have not paid their dues yet, will get letters. The board will modify the Bylaws and Policy to reflect that dues statements will go out by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September, with dues being paid by first Tuesday of December - \$10000 committed for In School Scouting for 2015-2016 school year - \$2000 Bikers Against Child Abuse - \$15000 for naming rights to the Raised Courtyard Garden at the GF Rescue Mission's Family Center - \$250 GF Chargers Legion baseball - \$750 War Fair - \$500 Electric City Rugby Club - \$15000 Boys and Girls Club - Will pay for Pet and

**Doll Parade ribbons - \$542 to help send a GFHS student to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, she will give a presentation to the Club when she gets back**

**Princess for a Day went well. Club name was on the Certificates for the girls**

**Oratorical** John Gregory reminded us that next level is at the Convention next weekend. Judges are lined up and ready

**Jan Mader received High School Teacher of the Year from BNSF. She was awarded \$2500**

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

**Hank Seeman is doing very well. His ankle surgery was successful and other health issues are clearing up. He is currently in Grand View. His daughter is here for a while to help with his care**

**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.**

**CMR 2014-2015 Senior Project Presentation schedule. Please come and participate in the presentation event by being a room monitor or a judge!**

We will need three judges per presentation block, with a total of three presentation blocks. I've included the list of students and topics to help all of you as you make your choices. Each room will also need a room monitor, who will watch the time of presentations and length of question sessions as well as distribute and collect feedback sheets from audience members.

Please click on the link to our Google Docs Excel roster and choose your level of participation. You may want to judge one presentation and be a room monitor for another. We will also be pleased if you want to be in the audience rather than judging or monitoring a room!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1H4uThGfl1JIYdVwXVn3wXuLyQZkh-TLVNwxyTVwQwX4/edit?usp=sharing>

We welcome you to our CMR Senior Project Presentations: Tuesday, May 26, 2015--3:30 to 5:00 with a reception to follow! (Monitors and judges for 1st Block Presentations should be at CMR by 3:00 in the cafeteria.)

Sincerely, Karen Wilcox CMR English Teacher

**P.R.:** KFBB ran a great story on Electric City Rugby Club last night. I am so very proud of our players, adult supporters and of course, the Uptown Optimist Club and its continued sponsorship of our kids. Check out the story via the link below; thanks for all you do for our kids. Anitra Hall <http://www.kfbb.com/story/29008720/electric-city-rugby-a-big-hit-for-great-falls#>

**STRIPING:** Fellow Optimists: After looking at the upcoming weather forecasts, it will be too cold to paint this weekend. Thanks to all who worked last weekend! Good job!

Yours in Optimism,  
Bob

**John Gregory reported that last weekend all the Pizza Huts were done on Saturday. And 5 small jobs were done on Sunday. Everyone needs to try striping. It's a blast!!**

**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

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray reported via Loralie Today is Kyler's last dose of Tacro (immune suppression drug) at 4pm and 12am!!! He will only get a dose at 8am and 8pm! We are so excited for this, we have been getting up at midnight for 7 months and I'm so glad tonight is the LAST night!! The hope is by July 31st Kyler will be completely off of this drug! The donors blood and his body are learning how to tolerate each other since his tissue and blood don't match, hence why Graft Vs Host Disease happens.

I went to sign Kyler up for Kindergarten yesterday! He can't attend till after October 17, his year post transplant anniversary. So during the months he can't attend, they will send a teacher to him teach at our home! From my understanding it'll be 30 minutes a week but I don't have all the details yet. I wasn't able to finish his paperwork yesterday because I need to chat with his Dr's first. He is very excited to go to school but only to make friends!!

Austyn Marchion is heading for Seattle this weekend for her checkup along with some development tests

**PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhardt**

**PROGRAM:** War Fair GFHS students presented on Tesla/Edison and AC/DC current. Nice presentation with boards, documentation and props

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:**

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:** Erica Harp joined the Club under her mom, Past President Sue Bridgeford. She married Travis Harp 2 years ago. She grew up in Great Falls and went to CMR. She went to College in Spokane for a nursing degree. At Whitworth College she was educated in nursing and faith based classes. Her internship was done in an ER in Atlanta. She really enjoyed the work and continued in it when she moved back to Washington. Erica was finally enticed to come back to Great Falls. She worked at Benefis for a while, then started as a school nurse for GF Public Schools in 2011. She gets to serve the community and do nursing at the same time. She is, however, a Bison fan now, due to the career change. She is proud to be an Optimist and to bring a baby girl into the Club

Upcoming - Travis Harp

Upcoming - Channing Hartelius

**UPCOMING:**

*May 15-16 - 3<sup>d</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. Educational opportunities abound. Hospitality Suite. Registrations forms are available on the web.*

*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*

*July 30 - Night at the Voyagers*

*August 8 - Float Trip*

*August 13-15 - Annual District Convention, Calgary*

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** Travis Harp 5/7 Rachel Huotari 5/12 Patty Jaraczski 6/13

**SIDE POT:** Mary Gregory

*Optimist gift: Loralie Schroedel*



***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  
Somersfeld & Sons Land & Livestock Advanced Agency Alliance

Loralie – mail newsletters to Hank Seeman, Gary Wallace and Mike Peet

\*\*\*\*\*What to do when one retires from a job? That is a question that most must answer at some time. I hear a lot of answers that vary from go fishing, to I will never retire. Of course all must be put in perspective. I have friends who have not worked for a salary for years and are the busiest people I know. I also know people who quit working a long time ago but still show up to get a paycheck. Retirement, therefore, is an ambiguous term. I like to be around people who have things to do, places to go, and people to meet. They seem to be always between activities and, interestingly, all smiles and positive. I suppose they agree with longtime coach Abe Lemons who said with a smile on his face and tongue firmly in his cheek, "*The trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.*" Never having a day off by choice is not all bad. It gives you a feeling of worth. My suggestion is that if you choose to leave a job, don't retire. There are many things to do, places to go, and people to see.

Ev Hall ☺

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