



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: May 14 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: John Sullivan

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Corb Browne

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Jeff Barnhardt (FOO Walmart)

GUESTS: Past District Gov. Donny Morrison Vince Parker, District Foundation Chair
Alison Wahl, Club Building Chair Rebecca Rutledge Ben Huotari Violet Rehm
Karen

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Elected officials for 2015-2016 are: President - Eric Christian

1st Vice President - Travis Harp

2nd Vice President - Lane Little

3 Board Members are needed: Greg Franczyk, Dallas Lopez and Ev Hall

Thank you to Loren Stensland and JCCS for working on the tax return at no charge.

The Club will receiving an extra flocking machine thru donation.

The Regional Oratorical was reported on by Ev Hall. The Great Falls boy and a Billings girl will be competing this weekend.

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

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.:

STRIPING: Fellow Optimists: It looks like the weather is clearing up some, so I have scheduled Monday, 5/18/15 for striping. The property is closed on Mondays. We can move/open the gate to get onto the property, then close it to keep out other people.

Need: 6 Optimists About: 2 1/2 hours if we can use 3 machines 8:00 AM Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center ~ repaint the lot and the trail by the river Also we will paint one Handicap at ADF ~ a layout at the new paint shop.

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

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported via Loralie that Austyn Marchion had her check up and is CANCER FREE. This little 3 year old does not need another check up for a year.

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhardt has more bikes to be given away. Walmart provided 6-7 more for fixing up. Jeff is also working on more Level awards.

PROGRAM: Optimist Foundation, presented by Vince Parker. The purpose of the Foundation is to create a funding for the various programs of O.I. without having to use club funds. Club money can be used for other projects as needed. The Foundation helps with the scholarship awards for essay contest, oratorical and communication for deaf/hard of hearing contest. It also helps with CCC, JOOI and internet safety programs, among others. The monies come from individuals, clubs and businesses and are tax deductible. Check out the O.I. website for more information. (Uptown gives \$1200 annually to the Foundation. Individuals can also give to it)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich via Corb Browne

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Travis Harp's family came to America as Quakers, settling in North Carolina. When they tired of the politics there, they came West to western North Dakota and Eastern Montana. Travis' parents moved to Great Falls in the 60's to raise their family of 5 kids. Only one younger sister for Travis. He was taken to Toastmasters by his father as a grade schooler. By 7th grade, Ev Hall got hold of him and created him into the speaker he is today. Travis went so far as to win the oratorical scholarship in Moosejaw that year. He was very active in school, being in Boy Scouts, swimming, speech and debate, mostly speech. No arguments that way... He graduated from CMR and went to Davidson College in North Carolina. With a major in history and 4 years of rugby under his belt, Travis was prepared to join the venture capital world. That didn't happen, thank goodness. He did work for Harsco for 10 years, being the youngest regional manager the company had had. In 2010, Travis decided to move back to Great Falls and begin working with his father, they have now created Harp Financial Group. In September 2011, he met his future bride, Erica. They have a Baby Girl on the way. He loves the Optimists, he's made great friends and renewed old friendships.

Upcoming - Channing Hartelius

Upcoming - Jeff Heimel

UPCOMING:

Friday & Saturday, May 15-16 - 3^d Quarter District Convention, Holiday Inn, Great Falls. Starts at 6:30 pm. Octagon Club will run the Children's activities. Liz Drahos will run the Companion activities. Friday is a Western theme event with a roping contest and a best dressed award. 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

May 28 - Program - Sonya Smith from Boys and Girls Club

May 30 - Sacajawea School is having a track meet for 5 & 6 graders, volunteers needed at 9 am

June 6 - Highway Cleanup

June 13 - Boys & Girls Club 406 Color Blitz - the Club has purple

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: Rachel Huotari 5/12 Erica Harp 6/15

SIDE POT: Cody Hocto

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