



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: May 21 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Ev Hall

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Roger Lesofski

SECRET GREETER: Corb Browne

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Jeff Barnhardt (FOO Walmart)

GUESTS: Becka Rutledge Several rugby players and parents

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 5

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: Greg Franczyk, Dallas Lopez and Ev Hall

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

3rd Quarter Board Meeting, reported on by Roger Lesofski and Dan Peterson. Very good time. Jodi and crew did a wonderful job with setting everything up. The food by the Holiday Inn was excellent. So good to see some first timers there. The training was well done. Dan needs to have "Suzie Q" with him at all times, to remind him that time is short.

The Club has received an extra flocking machine thru donation.

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

Hank Seeman is pain free and doing very well. He is currently in Aiery House at the Grand View. His daughter is here for a while to help with his care

Rhoda Bargas 8 yr old niece, Morgan, is doing great.

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: Here's the striping schedule for Saturday & Sunday:

Saturday, 5/23/15 Need: 6-7 Optimists About: 4 hours

- 7 AM Dairy Queen, 2901 10th Ave South repaint existing
- Then Best Wok, 1800 10th Ave South repaint existing
- Then Howard's Pizza, 4300 3rd Ave South repaint existing
- Then Montana Fed CU, 15 14th Street South, paint ONLY the LARGE North lot between Central Ave & Alley; some layout needed

Sunday, 5/24/15 Need: 8 Optimists About: 3 1/2 Hours

- 7 AM Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, 4201 Giant Springs Road repaint existing lot plus walking trail
- Then Montana Lines, 2800 Upper River Road repaint existing plus some layout

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 reported that the date is July 7 at Eagle Falls. Check the website or golf courses for more info. Volunteers will be needed closer to the date

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported via VP Eric that no news is good news

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhardt reported that Stacey Murray, Jodi and Matt Merry will be receiving Level 2. Also, has about 10 bikes ready to go.

PROGRAM: Anitra Hall presented the Electric City Rugby Club. Several members of the club and parents came to the meeting to explain the game. This club was started in Great Falls 3 years ago. Previously, kids had to go to other towns to play on their teams. Great Falls has enough interest to have a full boys and a full girls team. Rugby is played in 122 countries and will be an Olympic sport again. The Rugby World Cup will be this fall in England. The Celtic Cowboy will be showing the event.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Becka Rutledge and guest, Celie

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Channing Hartelius - not present

Upcoming - Jeff Heimel

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UPCOMING:

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 7 - Junior Golf

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: Erica Harp 6/15 Sue Bridgeford 6/17

SIDE POT: Anita Hall

Optimist gift:



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

*****What do you do when faced with a decision? I often find myself thinking about what to do. I sometimes regret what I have decided and at times I am guilty of letting the time pass and make no decision. That inaction results in either no action or surrenders the responsibility to others. At those times I then fall into the role of evaluator and judge the decision. Do I have that right if I shunned my opportunity? As I pondered this quandary I discovered a comment by President Theodore Roosevelt who said, *"In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."* I am committed to not letting the opportunity to offer a decision escape. If I truly want to grow as a leader, friend, or person I must be proactive. I cannot acquiesce. Growth can only be insured by decision.

Ev Hall ☺

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