



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** June 4 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

**CONDUCTED BY:** President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: John Sullivan

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Corb Browne

SECRET GREETER: Jodi Merry

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Herb Waltermire (Becka Rutledge)

**GUESTS:** Dave and Sara Robins (Dirk Larsen) Ben Huotari Shaleena (Cody Hctor)

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 8

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

## **MEETING NOTES:**

Board Meeting: Jodi Merry has been appointed Treasurer.... Camp Invention \$675.... Sparkettes \$1000 line item.... Get Fit Great Falls \$1000 line item .... Lewis & Clark Festival \$500.... Pathways for Change \$300 and 3 bikes

Need ideas for an Uptown flyer to go into bags for various projects that organizations are having

Stanger/Flaherty scholarships were given to 3 for their first year of college. 3 to students for their successive year. There were 10 applicants for the 1<sup>st</sup> year scholarship

City wide Track Meet for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders was at Memorial Stadium. Travis Harp, Ev Hall, Dallas Lopez and the Maleks all came to help with measuring and timing. Got a great turn out and finished before the rain

Bonnie Pancich is improving and moving around a lot more at home. Bob says she's even thinking about cooking...

Hank Seeman is pain free and doing very well. He is currently in Aerie 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.

**P.R.:** Pres. John Huotari and John Gregory will be going to the Rescue Mission on Wednesday at 11 am to present the \$15,000 for the garden area that will have Uptown name. Everyone is welcome to help support this

**STRIPING:** Fellow Optimists: Here's the schedule for Sunday, 6/7/15, striping:      Need: 6  
Optimists      About: 4 hours

- 6:30 AM Beef O'Brady's 1600 Fox Farm Road ~ repaint existing
- Then Dahlquist Realtors, 500 Country Club Blvd ~ repaint existing
- Then Montana Cowboys Assn, 31103rd Street NW ~ repaint existing; some layout of Handicap & lines; some blackout
- Then Tractor & EquipmentCo., 4001 River Drive North (Industrial Park) ~ repaint existing
- Then Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center; we need to extend the walking trail line 70 to 80 feet
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- Please let me know ASAP that you will work. Yours in Optimism, Bob

Also, Bob says to be thinking about upcoming lots, Albertson's NW, the Peak, and Probuild will be Sunday night jobs and early morning jobs.

**HIGHWAY CLEANUP:** Scott Radford will chair this year for Jesse Cameron. The date will be Saturday, **June 20**, 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 has new family. Calvin Diekhans (Luke and Kelsey) was diagnosed with leukemia last Friday. The family is in Seattle now for the next 6 months. This is the fundraising campaign for Diekhans' Medical Expense Fund:

<http://de.gofund.me/vy99c44> There is also a Kalanick Golf Tourne on 6/27 where the silent auction will go to help Calvin. Kyler is doing great. Erin and Jordan are having check ups this month. Prayers for them.

**PGI/BIKES -** Jeff Barnhardt has 6 bikes ready. Around 70 bikes have been given out

**PROGRAM:** Action for Healthy Kids presented by Erica Harp. This is a program whose goal is to promote good eating and healthy lifestyles. Last year, Abby Wambaugh was

brought in to teach skills to kids. Cowboy Bootcamp was brought in to show kids where their food comes from. And Native American games were presented . This year, the group is hoping to have a soccer celebrity, someone to promote choir and a baseball mascot. Let's Get Fit Great Falls on August 17

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Bob Pancich

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:** Kyle Herda - not present

Upcoming - Cody Hctor

Upcoming - Brett Howell

**UPCOMING:**

*June 11 - Program - Lewis & Clark Presentation*

*June 13 - Boys & Girls Club 406 Color Blitz - the Club has purple, University of College at 9 am. Be there at 8:15 am to help set up table for throwing color*

*June 13 - Safety First Rally, 10-2pm, Central Park at ExpoPark*

*June 19 - Governor's Gala in Blackfalds, Alberta*

*June 20 - Highway Cleanup, Fort Shaw post office at 9 am, Schroedels house for breakfast (Merrys cooking too!)*

*June 27 - Relay for Life, contact Ike Kaufman to be part of the team, walk is noon to midnight*

*June 27 - Kalanick golf tournie, silent auction to benefit Calvin Diekhans, Fairfield golf course*

*June 27 - Jennifer Walter (Paulette) is getting married at the Chapel Theatre*

*July 7 - Junior Golf tournie*

*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*

*August 17 - Get Fit Great Falls*

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** Erica Harp 6/15 Sue Bridgeford 6/17 Jennifer Rutledge 6/19  
Kande Yeager 6/20 Doug Kirby 6/22 Brett Howell 6/28 Darla Ewer 6/29 Lane  
Little 6/29 Jay Tuomi 6/30

**SIDE POT:** Shaleena

*Optimist gift:*



**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:** Advanced Agency Alliance, Randy Bogden, Lucero & George LLP, Montana Federal Credit Union, Smoot Honey Co., Inc., Somerfeld & Sons Land & Livestock, State Farm Insurance, Stewart Title, True Brew Espresso, Eugene Tynes DDSPC, Walmart

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

\*\*\*\*\*I am guilty at times of formulating what I want to say next when engaged in a conversation. I am aware that when I do this I am not fully aware of the message being sent. Further, I realize that I am not giving total worth to the comments. Conversely, there are times that I feel offended if someone appears to not be listening to me when I am speaking. Do I have the right to be bothered by experiencing the same lack of attention that I display? Probably not. It was author and writer Bryant H. McGill that said, "One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say." Oops, I dropped the ball on that. My goal then is to do as I expect. It is enlightening to listen carefully. I am amazed at what I learn. In fact I find that the comments I hear are often far more insightful than the ones I would formulate. A guilt free conversation is truly a two way effort in listening.

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