



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: June 11 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Bill Quast

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Greg Franczyk

SECRET GREETER: Travis Harp

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Dallas Lopez & James Rehm**

President's Toast: ~~Ev Hall (Steve Brown)~~ Dirk Larsen (David & Sara Robbins)

GUESTS: Jay Russell

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 5

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1

MEETING NOTES:

Stanger Scholarship reported on by James Rehm. 3 returning applicants will receive \$2000 each (Ed Flaherty - no relation - will provide another \$1000 each). 3 new applicants will receive \$1000 each for their freshman year (Ed Flaherty will also fund 2 other new freshman).

Dirk Larsen's Newfoundland will be part of the Lewis & Clark Festival. Dirk will be part of the Waking the Dead festivities.

Happy Anniversary Ev & Carol Hall, 43 years

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

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 presented the \$15,000 to the Rescue Mission. Coverage was done by the Tribune. KFBB did an interview with Pres. John.

STRIPING: Fellow Optimists: We have a Huge job to do on Monday, 6/15/2015. We will need all three striping machines. Traffic control is necessary. Some of you, who must go to your workplace, can help until it is time for you to leave for work as in the past.

6/15/2015 Need: 10+ Optimists About 3 1/2 hours 5:30 AM Albertson's 1414 3rd Street NW ~
repaint entire lot plus Bollards and Light bases
Please let me know ASAP that you will work. Bob

Corb Browne reported that weekend went well. Really need a lot of help for this next job. The median age of those that continually work is 68. Could definitely use younger help ...hint..hint..

Also, Bob says to be thinking about upcoming lots 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 at Anaconda Hills. Forms will be available via the website and email soon. Shane Newman reported that we are needing hole sponsors, teams and silent auction items.

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. Roger Lesofski reported that the winners and qualifiers will go onto Billings.

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray has found a new family. Calvin Diekhans, 2 years old, (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.

Jordyn and Erin have check ups in the next couple weeks. Good thots!!

PGI/BIKES - Roger Lesofski presented Dallas Lopez with a Level One.

PROGRAM: Lewis & Clark Center presented by Jay Russell. Opened in 1998, the Center has continued to raise money for marketing, remodeling, improvements, speakers, exhibits, children's programs, etc. Lots of schools and child age groups tour the facility in April and May. The Center is working a couple new films. One will be on the medicine of the Expedition. Don't forget the Festival coming up on June 19-21. Lots of activities for the whole family. In particular for the kids, story time, trade area, Newfoundland dogs and Native American games. Lewisandclarkfoundation.org

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Brett Howell joined the Club in 1999. He has been President and started the Shop with an Optimist program. Brett has been involved with the Boys & Girls Club for several years, which is where Herb Waltermire got hold of him for lunch... Brett has 3 boys and soon to be 3 step children. He met Stacy at James Rehm's installation as President, 4 years ago. He proposed and she accepted. Brett has been asked to be the Childhood Cancer Chair for the District next year. He will also be hitting the big 5 0 this month.

Upcoming - Cody Hctor

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UPCOMING:

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 19 - Program - JOOI

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, shotgun 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, Shane Newman's folks place, camping available, BYOB, bring a side dish. Meat will be provided. Meet at the Deerborn Inn

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: Brett Howell

Optimist gift: Ike Kaufman



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: 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

*****We have a dishwasher that we seldom use. Doing dishes is an extension of our meal and our dinner conversation. We have the opportunity to share our days and get caught up on what is happening. We did the same when we were children and later when we had children. The dinner table and the kitchen were the places we discussed events, opinions, and learned many of life's lessons. I fear that this aspect of family life is fading. I don't

buy the fact that our lives are too busy to eat together. In restaurants I see families not talking because each is on their own phone. Not communicating with family members is a choice not a consequence. I long for the time when our homes were more closely linked to the observation of former Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich who said, "*Some of the most important conversations I've ever had occurred at my family's dinner table.*" Sharing a meal and the subsequent conversations can be the foundation of ethics, morals, and the strength of our society. Dine together and converse. You will be amazed at how enjoyable this experience can be.

Ev Hall ☺

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