



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: June 18 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Dan Petersen

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Greg Franczyk

SECRET GREETER: Eric Christian

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

President's Toast: Dirk Larsen (David & Sara Robbins)

GUESTS:

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 5

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Theresa Schreiner was brought in by Roger Lesofski. Worked with both Roger and Jeff Barnhart. Now works for the Job Service. Loves being a public servant and it happy to be part of a service club.

MEETING NOTES:

Greg Franczyk spoke on the Color Blitz. Lots of fun, lots of runners and throwers of color. Great Club turn out!!

Theresa Schreiner and Becka Rutledge were initiated into the Club

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

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

STRIPING: Fellow Optimists: A lot going on this weekend. Hopefully there are enough Optimists to do the work that needs to be done. Here's the weekend striping schedule:

Saturday, 6/20/15 Need: 6 Optimists About: 2 1/2 hours

- 6 AM The Shops, 2317 10th Ave South (next to Walgreens) repaint existing
- Then Talus Apartments, 26th Street So & 21st Ave So. repaint & some layout

Sunday, 6/21/15 Need: 6-8 Optimists About 2 1/2 hours

- 6 PM Peak Wellness Center, 1800 Benefis Court repaint a large lot
- We will need three machines to get it done

Please let me know ASAP that you will work. yours in Optimism, Bob

Bob reported that Market Place is coming up, they are still deciding what portions to do. The phones are ringing. Always need more bodies.

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. **Bring gloves, there may not be sticks available.**

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.

Janna Rehm reminded the Club of the golf tournament next weekend. Jodi Merry has a contact that is using part of proceeds from 31 Handbags to help Calvin.

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

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart reported that bikes have been donated to the Relay for Life and to Vaughn for their 4th Celebration. He took the awards to Walmart and presented them.

PROGRAM: JOOI, presented by Becka Rutledge. As their past President, Becka, led the Club thru many projects of their own and thru Uptown projects. The JOOI Club participated in the Fresh Food Form, Christmas stockings, Souper Bowl of Caring, hat and gloves to Longfellow, among many others. She had Special Olympics, Mike Dalton, Roger Lesofski, Herb Waltermire and Bikers Against Child Abuse as speakers at some of their meetings. They will break slightly for the summer, meeting when they can and keeping in touch for next year. Welcome Becka as a new Uptown member. She graduated from high school this year. Congratulations!!

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Cody Hactor - not present

Upcoming - John Huber

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UPCOMING:

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!) **bring gloves***

June 27 - Relay for Life, contact Ike Kaufman, walk is noon to midnight, Uptown is joined with JOOI and Junior Optimists, come out and show your support. Walk a lap or two

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, Eagle Falls

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, 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: 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: Dirk Larsen

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

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

*****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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