



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT

MEETING DATE/LOCATION: June 25 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: John Sullivan

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Matt Merry

SECRET GREETER: Corb Browne & Herb Waltermire

SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

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

GUESTS: Shelby Kennig along with Shelby Jr. and Clarence invited all to the Voyagers game Friday night. Half of ticket sales go to the Relay for Life. Come out to the Relay on Saturday.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 6

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Roger Lesofski spoke on the Canadian meeting last week. Thousands were made at the auctions. Roger noticed something, have the alcohol flowing, the money comes pouring in,,,,

Jan Mader is a recipient of the President's Award for teaching

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

P.R.:

STRIPING: Bob reported that last weekend went well. Got the Peak done in 2 hours. Let him know if you will be available on July 3, big project to get done that day.

Fellow Optimists:

Here's the striping schedule for Sunday, 6/28/2015 Need: 10 Optimists About: 3 Hours

- 6 AM Taylor's Automax, 4100 10th Ave South We have numerous jobs to do including some layout. There are 7 RED Bollards, 47 Parking Bumpers, 16 Light Bases, curbs, lines, handicap 18 stencils and layout. Need many hands for this.
- Then Bullfrog Spas, 326 Central Ave West ~ Repaint
- Please let me know ASAP that you will work.
- Yours in Optimism, Bob

HIGHWAY CLEANUP: Scott Radford reported that a good amount of trash was picked up. The kids were helping. Still looking for his cell phone. Jodi Merry reported that breakfast went well. Managed to feed 17 people from bbqs and Coleman stoves. The power went out as the cooking was looking at starting.

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 at noon. 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. \$13 entry fee if child has season golf pass. \$30 without. Need more players between 10-18 years old. Lunch will be provided. Awards. Look for ball shoots at the golf courses.

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. See facebook "Calvin Diekhans Benefit" for pictures.

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

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart

PROGRAM: Melissa Kloiber spoke on Angel Wings. A mobility device that she and her husband have created to help their daughter, Jacey, gain strength. There are a few different styles of device that help rid children with muscular dystrophy the gravitation pull that makes it impossible for them to move. As a 501C3, the couple are receiving donations to make these devices to spread to those who ask from all around the world. They are making a difference for these children who are not supposed to be able improve muscle tone. See their website www.jaceysjourney.com. Jacey was not supposed to survive past a year old. She is now 4 and getting stronger all the time.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich and Bill Quast

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Cody Hoctor has been involved with the Club since childhood. He joined as an adult because he wanted to be part of helping other kids. Being a member has helped him gain skills that he is able to use elsewhere. He has made many great friends and loves spending time with grandpa Scott.

Upcoming - John Huber

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UPCOMING:

Saturday, June 27 - Relay for Life, Central Park at the Fair grounds, 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. 2 bikes up for auction. Dinner is \$5

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

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

June 30 - Rescue Mission is having a ground breaking at 11:30, stay for bbq

July 7 - Junior Golf tournie, Eagle Falls, noon

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 or dessert. Meat will be provided. Meet at the Dearborn Inn at noon. Float by 2 pm

August 13-15 - Annual District Convention, Calgary

August 17 - Get Fit Great Falls

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Brett Howell 6/28 Darla Ewer 6/29 Lane Little 6/29 Jay Tuomi 6/30 David Leitz 7/2 John Sullivan 7/9 Bob Dompier 7/10

SIDE POT: Travis Harp

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

*****While I do not spend time obsessing about the economic woes of the state and nation, I do have concerns about the pecuniary astuteness of those that we empower with decision making. I am a simple person who believes that we should always be prudent with our resources so that we have them when needed most. I do not think that we should make expenditure decisions based on either deficit spending or dubious income projections. In short, we must be modest with our spending decisions both as individuals and entities. As I promote this concept of prudence, I look to my favorite president, Thomas Jefferson, for support. He commented, "*Never spend your money before you have earned it.*" If his wisdom was good enough for our founding fathers, it is good enough for me. As a person and society we must commit ourselves to a budget that limits us to the resources we have or can realistically expect. We must not make decisions based on resources that do not exist or are extensions of wishful thinking.

Ev Hall ☺

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