



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: July 2 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: James Rehm

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Ben Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Dana Audet**

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

GUESTS: Ben Huotari Tina(Jana Rehm's cousin)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Ike Kaufman reported on the Relay for Life. Had a Club member there for most of the twelve hours. It was hot. Sales were a bit down, but plans are in place for next year

Bob Pancich is in the hospital. Thots and prayers for him. UPDATE Loralie and Dallas both saw Bob at the store, he has just gotten out and heading home.

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

P.R.:

STRIPING: Corb Browne reported that Taylor's Auto Max, Bullfrog Spa and the new Sherman Williams were done last weekend.

Friday, July 3, at 6:30 am be at the General Mills for striping

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 Tuesday, July 7 at Eagle Falls at noon. Check the website or golf courses for more info. **Volunteers will be needed from 11:30 to 5ish.** 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: Rachel Huotari reported that Erin England and Jordan Kleinhans are both cancer free and don't need check ups for 6 months...Calvin Diekhans' bone marrow shows no leukemia. He will begin phase 2 treatment on Monday. There will be a benefit for him thru the Club's Foundation

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart presented Doug Magers with his Level One. The 3 bikes given to the Relay, brought in good donations. Walmart provided 10 more bikes for the Club

PROGRAM: Jeff Barnhart spoke on PGI "Role Model". Who is your role model? Why? Is your role model positive or negative? Optimists tend to have positive ones. That's why it's so easy to follow the creed and to be a helper to children. Take a look at your role models to see how You can be a good role model.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Pres. John Huotari was born in Great Falls and raised on a commercial cattle ranch in Geyser. He has many siblings, even a sister living in Nicaragua. As a 7 year old, he was driving tractor for haying. After graduation in Geyser, John moved on to MSU, where he earned degrees in computer science and statistics. He was a member of the AGR frat with fellow Uptown, Lane Little. Rachel was in a rival AG frat. They met during a Wrangler label theft. John decided not to work the ranch anymore and started his lifelong career with Crop Growers and its many reincarnations doing computer mapping. He, Rachel and baby Ben lived in Bozeman for 6 years before moving back to Great Falls. Matt came along in 2004. Ben is an accomplished swimmer, going to State this month, likes to play video games with Dad and paints very well. Matt is the quiet one, very into computers, even has his own You Tube Channel. Both boys are going to be great! John joined the Club 7 years ago under Darla Ewer's presidency. He is a great proponent of the striping program. Where else can you do something productive and help kids at the same time??

Upcoming - John Huber

Upcoming - Lee Hudson

UPCOMING:

Tuesday, July 7 - Junior Golf tournie, Eagle Falls, noon

July 12 - District early registration deadline

July 13 - Habitat for Humanity workshops for those needing homes

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 - Optimist 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 \$150 early registration then \$175, \$119 for rooms. Should be a great time

August 17 - Get Fit Great Falls

August 20 - Uptown Picnic, Black Eagle park

BIRTHDAY CLUB: David Leitz 7/2 John Sullivan 7/9 Bob Dompier 7/10
Hank Seeman 7/11 Don Engellant 7/22

SIDE POT: Greg Franczyk

Optimist gift: Pres. John Huotari



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

*****I am looking forward to the places and people I will visit this summer. I will make time to share stories both of the past and of my experiences as I travel. Those stories and the ones I hear will not be complete travelogues of the adventures and experiences that we encounter. Rather they will be snippets in time and a condensation of those. They may be likened to the summaries found on the dust covers of books we peruse. That is not to be mistaken for sadness. Sometimes the unabridged version of life is more than we need to share. It was Italian poet Cesare Pavese who said, "*We do not remember days, we remember moments.*" That is as it should be. It is these moments in time that we treasure. Moments, like an agate that singly glistens in a field of stones, are precious. Share them judiciously.

Ev Hall ☺

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