



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT

MEETING DATE/LOCATION: July 9 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

July 16 meeting at the Sting at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Travis Harp

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Becka Rutledge

SECRET GREETER: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

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

GUESTS: Keri, Julia and Clarence Steltzer (Jeff Barnhart)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Board meeting: CASA CAN \$1000 line item.... Special Olympics "Under the Big Sky Buddy Walk" \$1000 line item.....Turf Club Horse Racing \$100 for Club tables... Bike policy has changed to read "bikes will be given to charitable organizations at Club discretion" (eg. Individuals will be asked to go to My Neighbor in Need to be vetted)

Julie and Clarence Steltzer are members of the Downright JOOI club. They do bake sales and parking. Good club. Both kids are officers.

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

P.R.: Thank you from the Rescue Mission

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported that last Tuesday, the Comfort Inn and Holman Aviation were completed.

Huge projects coming up: ProBuild, United Materials, Marketplace, Benefis and School District. Always need help.

Fellow Optimists:

Here's the striping schedule for Sunday, 7/12/2015: Need: 6 Optimists About: 3 1/2 hours

- 6 AM **2 J's Complex**, 105 Smelter Ave NE repaint existing
- Then **Skyline Veterinary**, Junction Havre Highway & Bootlegger Trail repaint existing (may need some minor layout)
- Then **Farmers Union Mutual Ins**, 300 River Drive repaint existing (if clean & ready to paint)

We are going to be short three "regular" Optimists, so I need you to step up. Please let me know ASAP that you will work. Yours in Optimism, Bob

CCC GOLF TOURNAMENT: July 25 at Anaconda Hills. 2 man scramble. Shane Newman reported that we are **needing hole sponsors, teams and silent auction items**. Also will be **needing volunteers for 7/13-making hole sponsors signs 7/14-hand out flyers at Anaconda Golf course at 6pm 7/15-hand out flyers at Eagle Falls Golf course at 6 pm 7/23-work party to do lists and scorecards 7/23-24 set out signs on course 7/25-registration table**

JUNIOR GOLF: Dana Audet reported that 16 kids came, one in every age group. 5 kids will be going on to Billings. Over \$500 was raised by ball shots, \$395 in entrance fees. Almost broke even. Great turn out, great fun, looking forward to next year.

CCC FAMILIES: Calvin Diekhans Benefit at the Sting on July 16. Club meeting will change to that venue for this week. Due to a low blood count, Calvin won't start treatment until next week or so

Trayson Harrell is a 6 year old with sickle cell disease. The Club will be helping him with travel expenses and such. A benefit will be held **July 11** at North Kiwanis Park from 9-4pm. Lunch \$6, volleyball, bbq, silent auction

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart introduced Keri Steltzer, Central Bike. She has worked on 83 bikes for the Club. She keeps the costs low for us. Reusing totally damaged bikes to part out for other bikes. Keri feels every kid should have a bike.

PROGRAM: Travis Harp provided a live feed from the International Convention in New Orleans. We all got to talk to Roger Lesofski while he is live on the scene. (sort of, lots of hurricanes. wink wink) He is Leadership Chair and has had some great training. Dan and Sue were recognized for Leadership at this time. Uptown is the 7th largest club in the International organization. 24-25 people are there representing AMSNW - Great Falls, Red Deer, Regina, Calgary and Edmonton are all there.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: John Huber - not present

Upcoming - Lee Hudson

Upcoming - Rachel Huotari

UPCOMING:

July 12 - District early registration deadline

July 13 - Habitat for Humanity workshops for those needing homes

July 16 - Meeting at the Sting at 6:30 pm

July 18-19 - Social Event - Horse Racing at Fairgrounds, tables are reserved

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 25-26 - Social Event - Horse Racing at Fairgrounds, tables are reserved

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 (exit 240) at noon. Float by 2 pm. Breakfast Sunday morning for campers

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, bring a dessert or side dish

BIRTHDAY CLUB: John Sullivan 7/9 Bob Dompier 7/10 Hank Seeman 7/11
Don Engellant 7/22 Gary Wilson 7/28 Herb Waltermire 7/29 Jack Deck 7/30

SIDE POT: Jeff Barnhart- given to Downright JOOI Club

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

*****Where do you stand on a subject of controversy? Many, if not most, people have a tendency to avoid controversy if possible. I admit that I am not one of those. I liken controversy to the discussions of the boys at the big table in the back. You have all seen it. It is the gathering spot for morning coffee by mostly retired men. They drink their coffee and solve all the world's woes. Often the discussions are rife with controversy, animation, and volume. They seldom settle for benign comments or avoid subjects that may be uncomfortable. They often disagree but seem to stop short of being disagreeable. It was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. who commented about controversy with these words, "*The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where in stands at times of challenge and controversy.*" Our comments and fervor may not change the world, but avoidance of controversy insures only compliance to what may be an unwanted status quo. Your opinions matter.

Ev Hall ☺

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