



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: July 16 at the Sting at 6:00 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE:

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

SECRET GREETER:

SECRET GREETER REPORT:

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

GUESTS:

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 9

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2

MEETING NOTES:

Attached is a certificate for a fund raiser I am doing to help raise funds for more field improvements for the Babe Ruth Field. Please hand out as many as you can. Also we are trying to raise some additional funds to help defray the cost to each player for their travel to Canada for the Regional Tournament, so if you know of anyone who would like to help please let me know any amount is appreciated.

MARK D. JEFFERSON Chief; Infrastructure Flight 341 Contracting Squadron (406) 731-4014

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

P.R.:

STRIPING: Fellow Optimists: Here's the striping schedule for Saturday, 7/18 & Sunday, 7/19:

Saturday, 7/18/2015: Need: 6 Optimists About: 2 1/2 hours

- 7 AM St Ann's Cathedral/Heisey, 715 3rd Ave North Layout and paint

- Then College Park Med Center, 2300 12th Ave So Paint Handicaps

Sunday, 7/19/2015: Need: 6-7 Optimists About: 3 1/2 hours

- 4 PM Farmers Union Mutual Ins, 300 River Drive Repaint existing with a change in COLOR

- Then Pro Build, 826 NW By Pass Repaint existing

We have an evening job to do on Monday, 7/20/15: Need: 5 Optimists About: 1 1/2 hours

- 9 PM Schulte's 38th Street Store, 3800 3rd Ave South ~ small lot repaint with minor layout. Will need to work around traffic until closing at 10 PM

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

FLOAT TRIP: Hey Uptown, It's me Shane again on a fun new subject. The 2015 Float Trip is sneaking up on us, We only have 3 weeks and it'll be here. This year it's **August 8th**, 2015. This year again my parents have offered up their cabin for our use. For those interested in camping, it's available Friday and Saturday. Please let me know if you will be tent or bringing an RV. (I've heard a rumor that there might be a poker game Friday night) Saturday we will meet at the Deerborn Inn Exit 240, at Noon, and proceed to the cabin. The boys and Girls Club will again be shuttling us to Craig at around 1:30, be in the water by 2 and BBQing around 6. In the past the club has brought the hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and pop and club members have brought a side dish, (and BYOB for members) If you plan on staying Saturday, Breakfast will be available Sunday morning and please bring something to pitch in for Breakfast. If you have any questions about the Float Trip, please contact me via email or at 406-868-1264. I look forward to seeing everyone on August 8th! Yours Truly, Shane M. Neuman

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 7/23-work party to do lists and scorecards 7/23-24 set out signs on course 7/25-registration table**

It's another beautiful day in MT! As many of you know we are closing in on our 2015 CCC golf Tourney. We are still getting hole sponsors and silent auction items, (if you have any of these we still need some more!) and we have a two great raffle items too, A new driver and a Night on the Uptown! But now it's time to focus on the most important thing for our tournament: Golfers. Without players we have no tournament. So if you are wanting to play or know someone who wants to play, sign up ASAP! Early registration ends this Saturday July 18th, (\$35 by then \$40 after Saturday). If you need registration forms please contact myself or John Sullivan. I'm also looking for a few people early next week for a calling tree, if you're interested, please let me know. We are still looking for help the day of the Tourney, We will need help with registration score keepers and at the Do Bar, If you have any questions or need anything, please contact via email or at 406-868-1264 or 406-467-2703. Yours Truly, Shane M. Neuman

CCC FAMILIES: Calvin Diekhans Benefit at the Sting on July 16. Great turn out!!! There were also members from the school system and Benefis. Great music and company!! Check out facebook for loads of pictures.....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

PROGRAM:

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Upcoming - Lee Hudson

Upcoming - Rachel Huotari

UPCOMING:

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

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: Don Engellant 7/22 Dallas Lopez 7/22 Gary Wilson 7/28
Herb Waltermire 7/29 Jack Deck 7/30

SIDE POT:

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, Jodi Merry, 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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