



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
P.O. Box 462 / Great Falls, Montana 59403

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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: July 23 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 30, Optimist Night at the Voyagers. Meet in parking lot at 6:30pm for tickets. Kids free - Adults \$10. Contact Brett Howell to RSVP at 231-8914

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: John Sullivan

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Matt Ott

SECRET GREETER: Rodger McConnell

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

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

GUESTS: Ben Huotari (Good luck at State!!) members - Bret & Darla Ewer were here

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 10

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Bob Pancich will be undergoing surgery 7/24, thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery

Stand Down will have a fundraiser on 8/20, form 5-10pm at the Front

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

P.R.:

STRIPING: Denny Hanenburg reported that lots were done last weekend, including Pro Build and Schulte's. Broadwater Bay will be done 7/24

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 of 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. 7/25-

registration table help We have a two great raffle items too, A new driver and a Night on the Uptown! We are still looking for help the day of the Tourney, We will need help with registrationl, 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.

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CCC FAMILIES: Brett Howell reported that Kyler Streib has had good lab results, has grown taller and grown hair!! Calvin Diekhans Benefit raised \$2980 at the Sting. His labs are good enough for him to go home between chemo treatments

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart

PROGRAM: WABC (Women Against Breast Cancer) presented by Sue Bridgeford and Erica Harp. Sue let us know that the organization was started 19 years ago, for women golfers in Montana to have a chance at a cash pay tournament. At the same time, one of the members was diagnosed with breast cancer. The tournament turned into a cash pay that is also a fundraiser. WABC is able to help in all areas of expenses - travel, medical bills, wigs, prosthetics, etc. Erica let us know that the date is 8/15 at Hickory Swings, 8:30 am registration, \$150 entry fee, includes dinner at the City Bar after. Many great door prizes, cash pay outs, and tons of fun. oh yea, the tournie is for women, however, the caddies can be males.....

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bret Ewer

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: John Huber - not present

Upcoming - Lee Hudson

Upcoming - Rachel Huotari

UPCOMING:

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, tee time 8:00am. Be registered before 7:45am

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

July 30 - Optimist Night at the Voyagers, parking lot at 6:30pm for tickets, contact Brett Howell to RSVP 231-8914

August 8 - Float Trip

August 13-15 - Annual District Convention, Calgary \$150 early registration then \$175, \$119 for rooms. Should be a great time. Masquerade party. Contact Dan Peterson for applications and itineraries

August 17 - Get Fit Great Falls

August 20 - Uptown Picnic, Black Eagle park, bring a dessert or side dish

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Gary Wilson 7/28 Herb Waltermire 7/29 Jack Deck 7/30
Don Joyner 8/5 Ike Kaufman 8/6 Dan Peterson 8/10 Mark Johnson 8/14

SIDE POT: Shane Newman

Optimist gift:



Officers & Board Members:

PRESIDENT: John Huotari/ **1ST VP:** Eric Christian / **2ND VP:** Travis Harp

SECRETARY: Rachel Huotari / **TREASURER:** Jodi Merry

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

*****It rained last night. I listened to the melody as the drops fell. I drank in the aroma of freshness. It made me smile. I knew that with this spring rain the plants would celebrate growth, the earth would be cleansed and renewed, and the rain would herald the promise of summer soon to follow. I know that there are some that do not feel the same as me. To them rain is a harbinger of gloom. It dampens plans and spoils activities. How ironic that

the same weather can engender such opposite views. I suggest it has nothing to do with the weather but rather the attitude that generates the opinion. It was former Milwaukee mayor Tom Barrett who said, "*If the rain spoils our picnic, but saves a farmer's crop, who are we to say it shouldn't rain?*" This it seems is the proper perspective. You may not join me in celebrating the rain, but we can all recognize the benefits.

Ev Hall ☺

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