



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

the
UPTIMIST
AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: July 30 at the Ball Park at 6:30 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: lots of family

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Bob Pancich has had surgery, 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: Fellow Optimists: Here's the striping schedule for Sunday, 8/2/2015 and Monday, 8/3/2015:

Sunday, 8/2/2015, Need: 5 Optimists About 2 1/2 hours

- 7 AM Opportunities Inc., 905 1st Ave No Repaint existing . . need to control traffic going into Morning Light
- Then Wilbur-Ellis, 1966 6th St NE (South of MT Fed Credit Union on Smelter Ave) Repaint existing; minor layout; 11 Bollards to be hand painted

Monday, 8/3/15 Need: 3-4 Optimists About: 2 1/2 hours

- 8 AM Broadwater Bay (Just North of McKenzie Pizza). Some layout & 2 color painting of Lines & cross walk. Also some blackout at Odd Fellow's Park & yellow lines

- Then Hilton Garden Inn, 2520 14th Street SW Repaint the Far West lot only
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:

CCC FAMILIES:

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart

PROGRAM: Lots of fun at the ball park. And the Voyagers won!!!

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Upcoming - Lee Hudson

Upcoming - Rachel Huotari

UPCOMING:

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: Don Joyner 8/5 Ike Kaufman 8/6 Dan Peterson 8/10
Mark Johnson 8/14 Sue Warren 8/19 Rodger McConnel 8/19

SIDE POT:

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

*****I've given a lot of thought to winning and winners. What do they have in common? Of course I must temper my thoughts when I think of winners because they can be found in so many disparate areas. Should I look at sports, the arts, politics, economics, or a host of other areas? If I try to find a commonality regardless of the endeavor, am I losing my quest for a winner? I think I found the answer in the words of author and speaker Denis Waitley who said, "*Winners are people with definite purpose in life.*" That seems to encompass and solve my dilemma. I suggest we shift our focus to analyzing the goal not the activity. Further, we look at the commitment to the result. The purpose of the person gives a new perspective to winner. With that definition we can better judge. I like people with purpose and passion regardless of venue. For winners, the commonality is purpose, not placement.

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