



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT

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

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Ev Hall

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm

SECRET GREETER: President John

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

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

GUESTS: Violet Rehm Mike Dalton, Lisa & Scott

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 6

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Night at the Voyagers was fun. Jodi Merry reported that about 30 people came out for the game. The Voyagers won!! Food was great!! It was so hot..weather wise.

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: Bob Pancich reported approximately \$34,000 income with 54 lots. Bids are still going out. Benefis/Grand View/ Ortho Center are coming up.

Fellow Optimists: We have a must do lot set for Sunday afternoon, 8/9/2015 Need: 4-5 Optimists About: 2 Hours

Sunday, 8/9/2015

- 4:30 PM Wheat Montana complex, 1116 9th Street So. repaint

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. 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: John Sullivan reported that the tournie this year was a success. 4 more additional hole sponsors after the start of the tournie. 76 players. No complaints. \$2800 collected that day, \$3300 before hand.

CCC FAMILIES:

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart has about 15 bikes left

PROGRAM: Mike Dalton of Growing Gardens from Garbage talked out about the 5 acre/2 year lease the City just granted them for the garden on the Westside. They have partnered with the Food Bank, Boys & Girls Club, Meals on Wheels and the Rescue Mission. They are working with St. Vincent's for a collaboration to pick up their extra fresh food and provide it to the Boys & Girls Club, two blocks away. St V's gets the food from Albertson's (10th Ave S). St V's has more than they can use, they send the extra to the kids. Mike has been picking up the food and transporting it a few blocks to the Club. A couple of helpers have been helping to go thru the food stores at St V's prior to pickup. Mike is looking for volunteers willing to commit to this project. The sorting is a couple times a week. The transportation is the same with hours between 3-5 pm. Anyone willing to help with this endeavor, contact Mike Dalton.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Rachel Huotari grew up by Sun River on the bench, graduated from Simms high school. Went to MSU where she met John as a freshman (he was a junior). They were married in 1994 in Geyser. Lived there for a few years, then John moved to Bozeman. Rachel was in school in Great Falls. When she completed school she moved to Bozeman and worked for a doctor for 5 years. they then moved back to Great Falls because of a job opportunity for John, Ben was 3 weeks old. They have been in the area for 14 years now. Rachel has 3 kids, Matt (8th grade), Ben (5th grade) and John. Both the younger kids are doing very well. Ben is very creative and Matt excels at swimming. Both are doing nicely in school. Rachel has worked at Valley View for 5 years.

Joined Uptown 2 years ago, brought in by Loralie. Love the Club. Very welcoming group, and enjoys everyone!

Upcoming - Lee Hudson

Upcoming - Butch Ingebrigtsen

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: *Ike Kaufman 8/6 Dan Peterson 8/10 Mark Johnson 8/14*
Sue Warren 8/19 Rodger McConnel 8/19 Bret Ewer 8/20

SIDE POT: *Cody Hocter*

Optimist gift: Denny Hanenburg



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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