



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: August 6 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

NEXT WEEK, AUGUST 20, ANNUAL PICNIC AT BLACK EAGLE PARK AT 6 PM
BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT, IF YOU WISH

CONTACT BRETT HOWELL 231-8914 BY 5 PM ON WEDNESDAY IF YOU ARE
ATTENDING (HE'LL BE PICKING UP MEAT AT THAT TIME)

CONDUCTED BY: Vice President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Ev Hall

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm

SECRET GREETER: Eric Christian

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Pat Goodover**

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

GUESTS: Katie Biggs

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 5

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Board Meeting - Minibolts \$300...Farm in the Dell \$1500 ...Great Falls Robotic Club \$500

Stand Down will have a fundraiser on 8/20, from 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 that lots of 'morning' lots are coming up. We may have missed the Marketplace but have opportunity for Alaska Airlines and inside lines at Pasta Montana. Be watching your emails. More bids and season to come.

Fellow Optimists: Here's the REVISED Striping Schedule for Tuesday 8/18, Thursday, 8/20 & Friday 8/21

Tuesday, 8/18 Need: 4 Optimists About: 3 Hours

- 7 AM Taco Treat, NW ByPass (next to McDonalds) repaint existing
- Then Park Plaza, 405 Park Drive repaint exterior lots

Thursday, 8/20 Need: 4 Optimists About: 3 Hours

- 7 AM Taco Treat, 2025 10th Ave So repaint existing
- Then Bosley Apts, 1417-1421 13th Street So small layout
- Then Park Plaza, 405 Park Drive repaint lines & numbers in parking garage

Friday, 8/21 Need: 4 Optimists About: 3 Hours

- 7 AM Lucky Charm Casino, 4810 2nd Ave North Repaint
- Then Sam's Club, NW ByPass layout & paint about 28 lines

Let me know ASAP that you will work. I am trying to bundle lots to avoid a big crunch coming from Benefis Hospital.

Yours in Optimism, Bob

FLOAT TRIP: Jana Rehm reported that 28 people had a blast on a 6 hour float on the Deerborn. Lots of wet fun!!! There were a few lost items, but most were found...

CCC GOLF TOURNAMENT: Shane Newman reported that 74 golfers. \$1315 Silent Auction, \$250 Cobra Driver, \$245 Night on Uptown, \$2600 gathered the day at the course, \$3300 hole sponsors, \$4000 entry fees and \$200 mulligans. All figures are approximate. But looks like another great year.

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported that Trayson is doing well with the bone marrow transplant.... Kyler is going to start kindergarten this year and will be going to Seattle for developmental testing in October.... Calvin has been okay'd to do his chemo treatments in Great Falls... Wyatt will soon be done with his chemo, party on August 29 in Seattle to celebrate.... Mychala is going to MSU this fall

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart has been working with Edie. This year's focus will be on team work and club building....also has a dozen or so bikes available

PROGRAM: Katie Biggs, Young Life, let us know about their new project on August 22 - a Glow in the Dark 5k run. Parade of costumes at 7:30pm, the run begins at 8:15 pm at Gibson Park. They expect 200 runners and will need volunteers. Young Life is growing!! They are not only in the high schools, but have entered the junior highs now. More adult leaders are becoming involved. Camp will be at Antelope, Oregon

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich, Jack Lawson, Loralie Schroedel

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Lee Hudson - not present

Upcoming - Butch Ingebrigtsen
Upcoming - Zachary Jarvis

UPCOMING:

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, you can bring a dessert or side dish, contact Brett Howell 231-8914 before 5pm on Wednesday so he can get appropriate amounts

September 19 - Calvin has a benefit (funds will be going thru Uptown's Foundation)

September 24 - Incoming President Eric Christian installation banquet, Moonshine Grill

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Mark Johnson 8/14 Sue Warren 8/19 Rodger McConnell
8/19 Bret Ewer 8/20 Mike Flaherty 9/7 Loralie Schroedel 9/9

SIDE POT: Bob Pancich

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

*****The school year draws to a close for me. Next year, like those in the past, will welcome new faces. Of course we see new students but we must remember that we also greet new colleagues. These replace those that have left. In truth, those that leave cannot be replaced. We can fill their jobs but the memories we shared will continue on.

This year is one where we have had to say goodbye to colleagues that have been friends for decades. How does one say goodbye or does one? Actor and writer Trey Parker put it this way, "*Saying goodbye doesn't mean anything. It's the time we spent together that matters.*" That for most of us is accurate. As we recall good times and sad, good decisions and bad, and the experiences as a mom or dad, it's the sharing that we will always have. So there is no "goodbye." It's just, "until we meet again." Now, it's time to get to know those new faces.

Ev Hall ☺

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