



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: August 27 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Ev Hall

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Matt Merry

SECRET GREETER: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

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

GUESTS: Lisa Goff

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Prayers and thots to all who are having problems issues with the smoke and other health issues.

4th Quarter board meeting in Calgary. Dan Peterson reported that it was a great time, lots of education. The essay winner was from Calgary and had the opportunity to read her essay out loud. Dime a Day pins were presented for Jeff Barnhart, Jodi Merry, Mandy Campbell and Matt Ott. Uptown is the 8th largest club in the world. Roger Lesofski spoke on the membership. To become an honored club we need to have 3 new members. To become distinguished, 15 new members. Let's continue to grow. We should build a club at the UGF college level, they need to participate in the community.

Brett Howell spoke about the annual picnic. Lots of fun. About 40 participants. Great food, nice weather, bit smoky....

P.R.:

STRIPING: \$41,000 so far. The next 39 lots will bring in another \$31,000. Calls are still coming for more lots. Last of season rush is on.

Fellow Optimists: We have a HUGE weekend coming up. Here's the schedule for Saturday & Sunday:

Saturday, 8/29/15 Need: 7 Optimists About: 4 hours

- 7 AM Grandview, 3015 18th Ave South ~ repaint (we will need three machines)
- Then Accessable Space, Inc, 1514 Oasis Court (just off 16th Ave So & 29th Street South) ~ repaint existing

Sunday, 8/30/15 Need: 7 Optimists About: 4 hours

- 7 AM CMR High School main parking lots ~ a HUGE project. repaint existing with a small layout. We will need all three machines for this job.

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

On the striping note, the 'usual' striping boys could sure use additional help. With the weather, the number and size of the jobs, various health issues and the smoke --- other people need to come out and help. Remember - we are a SERVICE organization, let's get out and help with projects!!!!

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported that Kyler made it thru his 1st and 2nd day of kindergarten ... during a recent trip to Seattle, Stacey got to tour the Children's Hospital - really amazing facility, wonderful teamwork, atmosphere is home like. Also went to Ronald McDonald House, which was very enlightening, there is an area set aside just for teenagers, where no little ones are allowed Met with Wyatt and some of his family for dinner, he's very energetic, has done last of chemo, Uptown is funding the party to celebrate this huge event Jordan is doing great, goes to Seattle in October for development testing Calvin is doing some of the treatments in Great Falls, Seattle is trying to do this for some of the kids to provide a little more home life

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart provided 3 bikes to the Veterans for Veterans, 3 bikes to Sue Warren for Alzheimers.. still have 7-8 more available. Also has flower and garden seeds from Walmart

PROGRAM: Lisa Goff, executive director of CASA-CAN. Mission - to look out for children - guardian ad litem - speak for the children. To make sure that the children are safe. Guardians investigate the situation and report it to the court. Children from birth to 18 that are born to addicts, are abused, troubled homes, can receive help in this form. In 2014, 57% of the cases were related to drugs. Guardians go through 30 hours of training to become officers of the court. In Cascade county, 5000 hours of volunteer time are given in a year. If a guardian is not available, an attorney is appointed as the guardian. FYI, United Way donations can be designated to particular agencies.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Butch Ingebrigtsen - not present

Upcoming - Zachary Jarvis

Upcoming - Laura Johnson

UPCOMING:

September 9 - MAFB Community Fair

September 12 - Boys & Girls Club - golf tournament and paint ball

*September 19 - Calvin has a benefit (funds will be going thru Uptown's Foundation).
Mansfield Center, chicken dinner, free will offering, auctions, need donations*

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

October 2-4 - 1st quarter board meeting, Red Deer, 80's theme, \$100 fee

October 29 - Farm in the Dell barn dance

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Mike Flaherty 9/7 Loralie Schroedel 9/9 Roger Lesofski 9/11
Jack Lawson 9/16 Ev Hall 9/17 Lee Withrow 9/18 John Huotari 9/22
Valerie Klepzig 9/24

SIDE POT: President John Huotari

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 make lists. It seems as if I don't write it down it doesn't get done. These lists can also be equated to goals. Experience tells us that if we don't write it down completion is questionable. The problem with both lists and goals is that they too often get lengthy. Soon the tasks overwhelm me. I become frustrated and unproductive. I looked to author and speaker Brendon Burchard who gave this advice, *"People are remarkably bad at remembering long lists of goals... The longer the lists of to-dos and goals, the more overwhelmed and off-track they get. Clarity comes with simplicity."* While writing lists and goals is an admirable trait we must keep them within the bounds of reason. Be clear and concise about what you can do. Then do it well.

Ev Hall ☺

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