



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: September 3 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President John Huotari

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Ev Hall

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Cody Hctor

SECRET GREETER: Doug Majers

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Roger Lesofski**

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

GUESTS: Jan Cameron, speaker

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

MEETING NOTES:

Bob Pancich reported that Corb Browne is doing very well. He had heart surgery today and will need a jaw surgery. Jeri has requested that people hold off on visiting right now. Let Corb rest and get to the next surgery. While striping CMR high school last weekend, Corb fell and hit his chin, fracturing his jaw and breaking some teeth. After testing at Benefis ER, it was found that he also had heart issues. Jeri and Corb are so grateful for all the support from the Club.

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

Rodge McConnell thanked all who helped support Vets4Vets

Roger Lesofski, bring in members before the end of September, Roger brought in two members tonight.

P.R.:

STRIPING: Bob Pancich will also be out of commission after 9/8. Please refer to President John for striping info. Fellow Optimists: Mother Nature is wreaking havoc with striping schedules: Here's the Labor Day Weekend striping schedule

Saturday, 9/5/2015 Need: 4 Optimists About: 2 Hours

- 7 AM General Mills Warehouse (where the trucks back up) This is an inside paint job not affected by rain.

Sunday, 9/6/2015 Need: 4 Optimists About: 2 Hours

- 7 AM General Mills Warehouse (where the trucks back up) This is an inside paint job not affected by rain.

Monday, 9/7/2015 Need: 6-8 Optimists About: 4 Hours

- 7 AM Jaker's, 1500 10th Ave So This is a repaint of existing
- Then Great Falls High School, 20th Street So & 4th Ave So. There are two lots to repaint (Upper & Lower) Some layout on lower lot. I would like to use all three machines if possible to make it go faster ~ depends on turnout.

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: [CALVIN DIEKHAN'S BENEFIT](#)— WHEN: Saturday, September 19 at 5:00 pm WHERE: Mansfield Convention Center @ G.Falls Civic Center

In late May, the Diekhans family was rocked with the news that their precious son, Calvin, has A.L.L. (Leukemia). They immediately flew out to the Seattle Children's Hospital, where they have been receiving the life-saving care that Calvin requires. They will be there for 6 months, with another 3 years of trips and treatments in the future for Calvin to beat this terrible disease. The Diekhans' families are tough Montanans who will fight and overcome, as a family, but they need our help. Please come, celebrate this fighting spirit, and donate in order to help them hurdle the financial obstacle that such a struggle incurs. Positive thoughts and prayers are welcome, too!

Doors open at 5:00 pm. There will no cost at the door. Please give what you can through donation and/or auction participation There will be a sit down dinner at 6:00 pm (chicken, baked potato, and salad) followed by a Silent and Live Auction. We will also be having a **'sweets auction'** between the bigger items during the Live Auction. If anyone would like to sign up to make something that would be great. It doesn't have to be fancy, just a nice dessert item (cakes, cookies, pies, cinnamon rolls, etc). Regarding donations, call, text or email Stacey Murray 406-799-0652 or stacey59468@gmail.com.

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart

PROGRAM: Jan Cameron from St. Vincent DePaul spoke on the Thrift store which will be combining with the Angel store to provide for buying and voucher clients. They will also be freshening and dressing up the food bank door that is in the alley. St Vin's wants to treat all people with dignity. The food bank is providing tons of food to those in need, the extra going to the Boys and Girls Club and to the Westside Garden. St Vin is a worldwide organization with 4600 in the US. The goal is to help out, with a step toward a hand up. Located at 426 Central Avenue West, they can always use volunteers in all areas. Don't forget the Friends of the Poor walk on 9/26 at GFHS. The "Pope" will be there.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Zachary Jarvis - not present

Upcoming - Laura Johnson

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UPCOMING:

September 9 - MAFB Community Fair, need more help, need base access

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, early registration ends 9/4

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: Dirk Larsen

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 have always been thrilled at the prospect of a new school year. In truth I am thrilled at each new day. These new beginnings give me a chance to erase the mistakes of the past, refine my attempts at success, and create an attitude of accomplishment. Though it is inevitable that some baggage goes with us on our life's journey, we need not let it weigh down our efforts or perspective. We can readjust or shed these burdens and continue with a new day's optimism. English playwright and writer J. B. Priestley commented, "*I have always been delighted at the prospect of a new day, a fresh try, one more start, with perhaps a bit of magic waiting somewhere behind the morning.*" Regardless of yesterday, today's dawn harbors no restraints. Let the new sun shine brightly on your every effort. Have a magical day.

Ev Hall ☺

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