



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** September 10 at the Pit Stop 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:**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MEETING NOTES:**

Board Meeting - Head Start \$100 ... Children's Museum Fun Run \$1300 ... Electric City Invitational Volleyball Tournament \$500

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

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

**P.R.:**

**STRIPING:** Thanks to Optimists John Gregory, Denny Hanenburg, John Koslosky, David Robbins, and Jeff Barnhart for stepping up and joining me in striping the portion of Benefis lots C1 and C2 that had been seal coated. Those yellow lines sure look good on that fresh, black pavement. > Upcoming we have Benefis lot J which should be ready for striping Thursday morning, and the remainder of lots C1 and C2 which will likely be ready this weekend. Along with those we'll throw in a few additional jobs that are ready this weekend. > So here's the plan:

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- > Thursday 8:00 AM - Benefis lot J. This will likely take 6 people about 2.5 hours. The lot is located south of 15th avenue south and about a block east of 26th street.
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- > Saturday and Sunday 7:00 AM. Further details about where we will be striping will be coming as we get closer and see how the seal coating at Benefis progresses.
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- > Let me know who can help on these upcoming jobs. > Yours in Optimism, > John

**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](mailto:stacey59468@gmail.com).

**PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart**

**PROGRAM:**

**JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich**

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Laura Johnson**

Upcoming - Wayne Johnson

Upcoming - Mark Johnson

**UPCOMING:**

*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 - 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** 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:**

**Optimist gift:**



**Officers & Board Members:**

**PRESIDENT:** John Huotari / **1ST VP:** Eric Christian / **2<sup>ND</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Ev Hall ☺

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