



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: October 1 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Bill Quast

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Dallas Lopez

SECRET GREETER: Loralie Schroedel

SECRET GREETER REPORT: Corb Browne, Dallas Lopez, Matt Ott, Dirk Larsen,
Doug Majers

Presidents in the House: Corb Browne, Dan Petersen, Mike DeMarco, Dirk Larsen,
Sue Bridgeford, Scott Radford, Brett Howell

GUESTS: AJ and Lindsay (Pres. Eric) Emily (Rob Durazo) Shyleana (Cody Hactor) Bill
& Sue Taylor (Scott Radford) Ben (Rachel Huotari)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 5

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2

MEETING NOTES:

President Eric Christian went over his garb for all the new people. Goal is to be Distinguished. Provided 10 new members tonight!! His motto is "Everybody does a Little". Has cards to hand out if you want him to contact any potential members, if you are not comfortable doing it. Has flyers for the Club. Anywhere in the building, parking lot is good for the greeting

P.R.:

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: more info coming

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported that the year ended yesterday, however, the striping season is still rolling. Very successful year, 95 lots, \$75197, 1381 man hours, 5 optimists have over 100 hours each. 4 optimists exceeded 50 hours each. That is with all the physical impairments this year. Great Year!!! Thank you all!!!

CCC FAMILIES: Kyler Strieb is CANCER FREE!!! He is now 6 years old. Doesn't go back for another check up for a year.... Calvin Diekhans is 3 years today. Goes to Seattle next week. Benefit raised over \$50000. Has a new baby brother, Benjamin

PGI/BIKES -

PROGRAM: *Dr. Bill Taylor, 'Secret Side of Failure'*. Dr. Taylor is a retired psychologist. One of the things he's discovered in his field is that things are very simple. People make them complicated. Life is very simple, two things to take care of - yourself and the world. Everything comes in twos - who's in charge..you or someone else...bad or good world...bad or good people....bad or good children....etc... Survivors want to be in control and typically are, but do bounce into getting controlled when things don't work. Good Children like to become Designer Contributors that help keep the world good. It is difficult to keep out of the Survivor mode while navigating Life. Failure is neglect, default, miscarriage, omission of performance or task. Failure does not have to do with the person, it has to do with the system. There is always the opportunity to learn and realize that Life is good. The tool to success is Situation + Thinking = Emotional Reaction. Keeping all the Situation and Thinking positive will make the Reaction a positive response instead of a negative. Remember what your intentions and motivations are when Thinking. Use that energy to focus on a positive behavior. Don't forget strong feelings rob you of the ability to think.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Dan Petersen was born and raised in Brady, went to University then joined service. Went to Germany, married. Went to Missoula to finish CPA, joined JCCS for next 5 years. went into computers for the next 15 years. Ended marriage. Has had a couple of daughters, both in Seattle. Started into High Noon, then joined Uptown in 1998. Past President in 2000. Was Lt. Governor in 2014-2015. Love the Optimist creed and all we stand for.

UPCOMING: Bev Christian

October 2-4 - 1st quarter board meeting, Red Deer, 80's theme, \$100 fee, early registration ends 9/4

October 8 - Randy Knowles, 'Questions and Answers to Public Access to Public Lands'

October 9 - Farm in the Dell barn dance, tickets available

October 23 - Dualing Pianos, Meadowlark Country Club, tickets available

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Joann Gogo 10/7 Joann Eisenzimer 10/9 Terry Barber 10/10
Doug Magers 10/11 Cody Hocter 10/16 Bev Christian 10/31

SIDE POT: Cody Hocter

Optimist gift: President Eric Christian



Officers & Board Members:

PRESIDENT: Eric Christian / 1ST VP: Travis Harp / 2ND VP: Lane Little

SECRETARY: Rachel Huotari / TREASURER: Jodi Merry

BOARD MEMBERS: Eric Christian, Travis Harp, Lane Little, John Huotari, Rachel Huotari, Jodi Merry, Stacey Murray, Ike Kaufman, Greg Franczyk, Ev Hall. Denny Hanenburg and Dallas Lopez

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

All newsletter info approved by President Eric Christian