



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: October 8 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Bev Christian

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Eric Schroedel

SECRET GREETER: Eric Schroedel

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

Veterans in the House: Dan Petersen Army Spec 4 1972-74, Bill Quast Army 1963-66 E5, Denny Hanenburg Army Spec 4 K9 68-70, Corb Browne Staff Sgt AF 68-71, Jeff Barnhart AF MSgt 66-91, Doug Majers Marines Corporal 64-70, Josh AF Lt. Col. 96-current, Eric Christian AF 89-2009, Bev Christian AF Sr. MSgt 17 years, Loralie Schroedel AF A1C 86-88, Dirk Larsen AF 92-80

GUESTS: Ben (John Huotari) Lori Andrews & Clark Uhrich (Sue Bridgeford)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 8

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2

MEETING NOTES:

Jan Jackson (Bob Pancich sister) called. Bob 's surgery went well. Repaired vs replaced the valve . That is good. Repositioned an electrode on his pacemaker . He will be in ICU thru tomorrow then 5-7 days in hospital. Corb Browne reported Bob is in room 4206, doing well, can take visitors

Red Deer, 1st Quarter convention, Governor Edie Harris has a dream team, that must wear their garb at each and every meeting, including the pompom.

Treasurer Jodi Merry reported that there is a reimbursement form available on the website. Please use this to get your money back. It will keep cleaner bookkeeping.

Board Meeting, budget is approved. Travis Harp thanked previous board members for making the way so easy. Copies are available. Bylaws and Club policy has been approved. (No changes in either.) Pay your dues on time.

Past President John Huotari presented awards to Dana Audet for junior golf and Past Lt. Governor Dan Petersen.

P.R.:

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: October 22 is Tree Kick Off. Travis Harp and Lane Little are Chairmen. Please attend this meeting to get your tickets from the captains.

STRIPING: Denny Hanenburg reported that season is almost over. Small lot done today. Machines are being winterized.

CCC FAMILIES: Pres. Eric reported no news yet.

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart presented Jodi and Matt Merry with Level 2 awards....Has about 7-8 bikes available....Mammoths were alive when the Great Pyramids were built.

PROGRAM:

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Eric Schroedel

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Bev Christian was born North Dakota, outside of Bismarck. Grew up in Baker and Sidney, Montana. Moved to Great Falls at 13, went to CMR. Dad is pastor of Assembly of God Churches, grew up in Lewistown. First husband and daughter lived in Germany with the Air Force. Then Fairchild in Spokane and Travis AFB in California. About 30 years old, joined the Guard. Has a degree in fitness management, primarily weightlifting. Been in the Guard for 17 years, finance officer on the Hill. Needs 7 more years to retire. Loves it!! Two kids, one in guard, lives in Fort Shaw. Son lives out of town as a minister. Now into Cross Fit, looking into coaching the program. Has one grandchild and another on the way. 4th year in the Club. Really enjoy the Club and people.

UPCOMING: Whitney Graef

October 9 - Farm in the Dell barn dance

October 15 - Program, Sara Barnham, Benefis Foundation

October 17 - Ben's swim team has a fundraiser, Wine & Whiskey at the Meadowlark Country Club, \$50/head

October 22 - Tree Kickoff, Travis Harp and Lane Little will be heading this. Be sure to attend this important meeting

October 23 - Dueling Pianos, Meadowlark Country Club

October 31 - Halloween Party at the City Bar. Sarah Robbins needs a head count

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

SIDE POT: Sue Bridgeford

Optimist gift: Doug Majers



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