



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: October 22 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Lane Little

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Dave Robbin

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Matt Ott**

President's Dream Team: Jeff Barnhart - PGI James Rehm - JOOI John
Gregory - Zone 1 Lt. Gov Roger Lesofski - Membership District 13

MAFB has a flyer that will go out to all Air Force members that has a link to Uptown. President Eric also has meetings in place to encourage more airmen to join our Club

John Gregory reported that Gov. Edie congratulated Pres. Eric on bringing in 12 members already this year. Gov. Edie has pledged to come help with a fundraiser if Uptown has 15 new members by the end of October. John reminds members - be a member, but be active

Bob Pancich is doing well. Still gets tired reports Denny Hanenburg. Wants his tree tickets. John Huotari spoke to him, he's working on striping awards.

Cheer for Stephanie Schnider, is getting a brochure printed up for new potential members.

Jodi Merry has a reimbursement form on the website. Please use it.

GUESTS: Violet (Jana Rehm)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 10

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1

MEETING NOTES:

P.R.:

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Chairs Travis Harp and Lane Little kicked off ticket sales with teams and incentives. If "everybody does a little" we will sell tons of tickets. Team Captains need to encourage teams to sell. There are 12 teams this year, with Ev Hall being his very own team. Please remember to contact Travis and Lane if you need help. Remember that 30% of ticket sales are never actually used for purchase of a

tree/products. Team Captains are Stephanie Schnider, Roger Lesofski, Matt Merry, James Rehm, Loralie Schroedel, John Gregory, Shane Neumann, Jody Merry, Gavin McCluey, Matt Ott, Ronny Grina & Ev Hall.

Ev spoke on sales - he sells on helping kids, rather than the tree purchase. Be organized. Stay in contact with your Captain/Teams. Utilize past purchaser. Push the "support" end. Be positive and persistent. Go for the good of the youth in our community. Fake trees are not an excuse, now we can use the money 100% for the kids. It's a great way to build new relationships. As always, Beat Ev!!

Lane takes wreaths and sells at family/social gatherings. Travis has a sheet of tree selling hints. All info will be sent out in email. Benchmark is 100 books for a team.

Commercial tickets, be sure to fill out the forms completely. Return to previous customers. See your email for the correct procedure. Make a copy of the completed form for yourself for future years.

Incentives are the same as last year.

Jodi & Matt Merry will have a new bundle of joy due on 5/23/16.

CCC FAMILIES:

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart reported that Mary Gregory received a Level Two award. FYI, Gov. Edie Harris is now a Level Five.

PROGRAM:

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

UPCOMING:

October 23 - Dueling Pianos, Meadowlark Country Club

October 31 - Halloween Party at the City Bar at 9pm. Sarah Robbin needs a head count. Sarah will be manning a Safe Table downtown from 3-5 pm. Decorations are prepared. Costumes are optional. Zombie Gore is the theme

BIRTHDAY CLUB: *Bev Christian 10/31 Bill Quast 11/3 Rhoda Bargas 11/13
Paulette Walter 11/18 Jon Boutilier 11/21 Izaak Ready 11/22*

SIDE POT: *John Huber - donated to the Club*

Optimist gift:



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