



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** October 29 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

**CONDUCTED BY:** President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Shane Neuman

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm and Dallas Lopez

SECRET GREETER: Bev Christian

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

Chairs: Ev Hall, Shane Neuman, Dallas Lopez, Denny Hanenburg, Sue Bridgeford, Dan Petersen, Travis Harp, Brett Howell, Jodi Merry, John Gregory, Stacey Murray, James Rehm, Jana Rehm, Anitra Hall, Scott Radford, John Koslosky, John Huotari, Pres. Eric

Dueling Pianos reported by John Huotari. Great turn out!!! Tons of fun, wonderful time. Lots of money raised. Superb crowd participation. Ev Hall says it was the best one they've been to. Everyone was dancing.

**GUESTS:** Ben (John Huotari) Tyler (Dallas Lopez) Bill Mueller (Anitra Hall) Greg Tilton (Randy Knowles)

Website is up on the MAFB site. Uptown is one of three groups on there. Also, the flyers are ready. They are gorgeous!! Grab a few and let's get them out!!

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 8

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 4 Two new members tonight - Josh & Greg Gov. Edie will be here - Uptown has 17 new members by 10/31

Early stages of building a new club at UGF

Reimbursement form on the website, then give to Jodi Merry.

**MEETING NOTES:** "IF EVERYONE DOES A LITTLE, A LOT GETS DONE"

**P.R.:**

**STRIPING:** Bob Pancich, reported by Pres. Eric, the awards are being worked on. Also, he is feeling well. Should be here in a few more weeks.

**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.

Turn in any unused books, if you captains for too many, we can pass them around the Club

Denny Hanenburg will let everyone know when the Lot needs to be set up. Will needs lots of help. Sign up for shifts.

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray reported that Calvin Diekhans is in Seattle. Doing well so far.... Kyler Strieb loves school. Kayla got to meet his friends at lunch one day.... Trayson, sickle cell disease, fundraiser on 11/16, at the Sting 'raise a pint', silent auction.

**PGI/BIKES -** Jeff Barnhart

**PROGRAM:** Randy Knowles spoke on public access to public lands and easements. The political climate in the legislature is to follow public opinion. The Dana Ranch is a good example of the problem of private, BLM, DRNC lands being in a chunk. Getting easements to the public portions have to be worked out to everyone's benefit. Then the easement is forever, no time limit. A power company would have a lease for the easement that would expire. Other states are passing 'green' laws. Turns coal plants into natural gas plants. Cleaner burning, less pollution. In Montana, you not only own your land, but the air above it. Montana is unique in this respect. The constitution states that all wildlife is public. FWP rangers are paid from the number of licenses that are sold to the public. 60% of the land in Montana is public. There is a group called PLWA for \$20 a year, that will help give you a voice in keeping public lands public. If there is a road that has been closed that you've used, feel free to contact Randy for help.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** John Koslosky and Randy Knowles

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:** Brett Howell became a member in 1999. Worked with the Boys & Girls Football program. Was on the CCF board before it became the Boys & Girls Club. 27 year old son, 22 year old son and 16 year old son. Great kids. During James' year, met Stacey, proposed this year, she said 'yes'. Love the Club and Great Falls. Was in the Army for 3 years in California. Lived in Denver for a while. Allstate agent in 1999. Started independent agency in 2006. Has a thriving business now. Sold the lot cleaning business two years ago. Has more time for family and friends. And traveling. Brett is the District Cancer Chair.

Next Week: Jodi Merry

**UPCOMING:**

*October 30 - Sarah will be manning a Safe Table downtown from 3-5 pm.*

*October 31 - Halloween Party at the City Bar at 9pm or early if you choose. Sarah Robbin needs a head count. Decorations are prepared. Costumes are optional. Zombie Gore is the theme.*

*November 16 - Trayson, fundraiser at the Sting, raise a pint, silent auction*

*November 19 - Field Trip to the second operation of the Front to see the canning process at 1600 3 St S, then to the Front on the NW Bypass for libations and goodies*

*December 7, Monday - Mighty Mo for a CCC event to raise money, come one come all*

**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:** *Jodi Merry*

*Optimist gift: Cody Hoctor*



***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 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist. Teenagers and Uptown are all welcome

All newsletter info approved by President Eric Christian