



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: November 12 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

November 19 - Meet at 600 3rd Ave S (old Sperry's Market) at 6:00pm for tour of Front Brewing, Then to Front Bar on 6th St Sw for libations

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Bill Quast

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Eric Schroedel

SECRET GREETER: Pres. Eric Christian

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Dirk Larsen**

GUESTS: Ben (John Huotari) Julie McKinley, Doogan Mahoney, Tracy Milton, Jen & Rocko Houseman (Paulette Walter)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1

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

Pres. Eric reported that Jake Clark will be a Faculty Advisor for building a Club at the University of Great Falls.

Travis Harp reported Uptown Optimist Electric City Speech & Debate Meet needs judges on 12/11 & 12/12.

John Koslosky reported that Jim Cummings is having trouble with the current hip replacement. He is going to the Benefis Wound Clinic for care. Been quite a trial. Keep Jim and his family in your prayers.

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

P.R./ MEMBERSHIP: John Gregory reported that Pres. Eric has received a 20 member pin. This is a rare award for sponsorship.

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported that there were two calls this week. Machines are winterized. Over \$71,000 this year!! Thank you to John Huotari for picking up the reins!! Striping Awards are: Bob Pancich, Denny Hanenburg, John Gregory, John Huotari, Corb Browne, Jeff Barnhart, Butch Ingebrigtsen, Herb Waltermire, Bill Quast, Scott Radford, Jim Cummings, Brett Howell, John Koslosky, Ben Huotari, Ev Hall, Ben Huotari, Chris

Ward, Roger Lesofski, Jodi Merry, Alex Barnhart, David Robbin, Dallas Lopez, Matt Merry and Paulette Walter. Thank you to all who helped!!

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. 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. SELL SELL SELL

Turn in Commercial Tickets as soon as possible. No Deliveries on weekends or Wednesdays.

Denny Hanenburg reported that Saturday morning will be Lot set up at 10 am. Will needs lots of help. **Sign up for shifts.** Todd Seeman and Michael Mader will go to Eureka on Tuesday, 11/17. Be back Wednesday night. Unload trees 11/20.

CCC FAMILIES: Trayson Harrell's bone marrow transplant is going as smoothly as hoping. They are waiting to see if the new immunosuppressive anti-rejection medication (Rapamune) is working. They will be drawing blood for another chimerism (checking on percentage of donor cells) on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week after being on the new medicine for two weeks. We are extremely anxious to see the results and praying for a turnaround...meaning the percentage is going up instead of where it has been going... They are asking for prayer for this new medication to work, so they aren't headed for another transplant. (The talk of returning home has ceased for the time being.) :(**The Sting Sports Bar has graciously offered to sponsor a fundraiser to help put a dent in both medical bills and travel expenses. They will be donating a dollar for every beer that is sold on November 13th from 6pm-10pm. We will also have a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.**

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart reported that Shane Neuman is looking towards completing Level 3. Jeff picked up 5 more bikes from Walmart. About 10 bikes for the Tree Lot.

PROGRAM: Paulette Walter, Cascade of Talent. Going to go back to having one show. There has been a lot of crossover in the shows. Junior High will still be invited to audition for a spot. Registration forms are on the Cascade of Talent website. Posters are available for display. John Huber and Shane Neuman will be heading the ad sales. Be sure to get the ads in as soon as possible. Concessions could be run by Uptown at the show. Will need someone to handle the organization of the concessions. As always, there is a huge need for volunteers. Auditions will be January 9, starting at 8am. The Show will be January 10 at 4pm at Great Falls High this year. Johnson Brothers will help with the sound systems. The theme is "Rock of Ages". Be sure to check out the web site, new updates.
www.cascadeoftalent.com

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich and Bill Quast

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Bob Dompier has been married for 37 years. Has 3 daughters, grandkids. 2 daughters live in Great Falls, one a teacher, one a CPA. Moved

back in 2008. Managed the Holiday Inn for 6 years. Now managing the Heritage Inn, did in the past for 20 years. Has served on several boards for hotel management and for Tourism. Loves to work for the betterment of people and the industry. Past Optimist with Sunnyside and past Rotary member.

Next Week: Gavin McCluey

UPCOMING:

November 13 - Trayson, fundraiser at the Sting, raise a pint, silent auction

November 14 - Work at tree lot at 10 am, Fairgrounds

November 19 6 pm - Field Trip to the second operation of the Front to see the canning process at 600 3 Ave S (old Sperry market), then to the Front on the NW Bypass for libations and goodies

November 20 - Unload Tree Trucks

November 27 - Tree Lot Opens, sign up for shifts

December 2 - Tavern Assoc Annual Dinner, Civic Center 6 pm, table of 8 available

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

January 8 - Load and Unload equipment for Cascade of Talent, GFHS

January 9 - Cascade of Talent auditions, tech rehearsal and dress rehearsal, GFHS

January 10 - Cascade of Talent, 4 pm, one show, GFHS

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Matt Merry 11/12 Rhoda Bargas 11/13 Paulette Walter 11/18
Jon Boutillier 11/21 Izaak Ready 11/22 Matt Ott 11/23 Rudy Robinson 11/23
Jeff Barnhart 11/24 Jessica Malek 11/26 Will Fuller 11/29

SIDE POT: Roger Lesofski

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