



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: December 3 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Stacey Murray

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm

SECRET GREETER: Ev Hall

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Brett Howell, Matt Merry, Rodger McConnell &**

Pat Goodover

DUES ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO BE IN BY JANUARY 5 IN ORDER TO NOT BE DROPPED FROM ENROLLMENT

GUESTS: Doug Daffe & Rachel Bohanen (Jan Mader) Jason Beatty (Pres. Eric Christian)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 8

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 2

Board Meeting: presentation by Charges Baseball for park improvements-tabled... Sletten is doing a backpack program for Whittier School \$500 ... Project Graduation CMR/GFHS \$500... Grand Vista Park-tabled.... Angels in Camo \$1400... Logan Smoot, football camp in Australia \$250... GFHS Giving Tree \$500.... Central HS \$250.... Pre Release, Booters \$500... Minibolts Soccer \$300

GF Voyagers would let us serve and take orders on food at 6 six games a season. This would be a great fundraiser. Possibility for our younger clubs to make some money

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

Uptown Foundation - a position will be coming available for those interested

In this season of shopping. In your internet search engine, type smile.amazon.com. When AmazonSmile page comes up, you can choose a group to support (the place to pick choice is up in the right hand corner by the Amazon logo). Use the drop down box and enter Uptown Foundation. Every time you purchase something, 1% will go to the Foundation. Make the AmazonSmile page your favorite for Amazon, you won't have to re enter the choice. FYI, won't work from your phone app, just put items in your cart, will work when you use a computer or tablet.

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

P.R./ MEMBERSHIP:

STRIPING: Bob Pancich distributed some more awards and explained the program to new people
Awards: Brett Howell, Jodi Merry, Matt Merry Bob received the Cheer

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Denny Hanenburg reported that we will NEEDS LOTS OF HELP, ESPECIALLY DURING THE DAY. Sign up for shifts. Roger Lesofski would like to see everyone work 3 weekend shifts and 2 weeknight shifts.

Please look at the checks, make sure they are filled out properly. Only takes a minute. Get a phone number on the check....Big thank you to Pat Hanenburg for gathering the monies for Jodi Merry!!!

Jan Mader was recognized for the BNSF Teacher of the Year,

Need volunteers to decorate the Pit Stop trees

If anyone knows of an enclosed truck, please let Pres. Eric or Denny know as soon as possible.

CCC FAMILIES: Erin England goes back 12/23 to see if she can go to yearly treatments.yeah!!!! Calvin Diekhans last chemo here, few more in Seattle, Then into maintenance. Going Great!!

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart has given a passport to Greg Tilton.....also has some bikes available for the Tree Lot

PROGRAM: Doug Daffe & Rachel Bohanen, teachers at GFHS, the Bison Giving Tree. Program is for the Bison family. Whoever is in need gets the help. Teachers nominate the kids that may need help. The Elves then interview the kids to see if they want to be on the Tree. Then at Thanksgiving, the Bison take tags from the Tree and fulfill the wish. This is all done by the staff and students, not the public. 199 kids were interviewed, 103 students chose to be on the tree this year. Exchange students are not exempt. They may not have been placed in the best home. Always priceless to see the kids open their presents!!! This program covers the students and one for the Bison Families that are in need. Some families are provided with a Christmas that they might not otherwise have. Thru the Bison Families, they sponsor special days to raise money for the families in need. Individual teachers have their classes raise funds. Retired teachers even send in funds. The program directors have the kids who chose to write a nice Christmas message in Christmas cards, that are then delivered to the Rescue Mission or retirement homes.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Sean Sturges worked at the Tree Lot 20 years ago when he was employed by Ike Kaufman. Been in the Club 2 years, but technically only made the

last two meetings. Wife, Susanne, teaches Spanish. 2 children, one wild child, one not so much. Proud to consider himself an Optimist.

Next Week:

UPCOMING:

December 7, Monday - Mighty Mo for a CCC event to raise money, come one come all, starts at 5 pm

December 10 - Children's Christmas Party, bring a gift for kid for Santa to give. \$10 for adults, kids are free. Invite kids, this is a great meeting!!

December 11-12 - Uptown Optimist Electric City Speech & Debate Meet needs judges

December 17 - Adult Christmas Party, Chinese Gift, price is up to you

December 19 - Shop with an Optimist at 9 am at Walmart, see Brett Howell

December 24 - No Meeting, Merry Christmas!!!

December 31 - No Meeting, Happy New Year!!!

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

January 9 - Cascade of Talent auditions

March 5 - Tech rehearsal and dress rehearsal, GFHS

March 6 - Cascade of Talent, 4 pm, one show, GFHS

BIRTHDAY CLUB: *Patty Taurman 12/12 Denny Hanenburg 12/17 Tiffany Fuller 12/20 Scott Radford 12/26 Stacey Murray 12/26*

SIDE POT: *Denny Hanenburg*

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