



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: January 7 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Travis Harp

SERGEANT AT ARMS: John Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Bob Pancich

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

GUESTS: Tosha Kennerly (Travis Harp) Ben Huotari (John Huotari)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 8

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 3

Thots and Prayers for fellow Optimist, Don Garber.

District Board Dream Team: John Gregory, Lt. Governor of Zone 1, has communicated with Clubs throughout the Zone to get members to come....Jeff Barnhart, PGI, will have a great class for members to attend....Brett Howell, CCC Chair, our Club is very involved with the program, encourages all members who haven't gone to make a point to go....Dan Petersen, Convention Chair, promoting the national meetings, the education available...Roger Lesofski, Leadership Development Chair, educational opportunities, creating tomorrow's leaders, knowledge of Optimist International....Become involved

District Board will be hosted by Uptown in Great Falls. Will be a Hawaiian theme. Friday night is a mixer, bingo, games, drinks, etc.. Saturday, business will be done, along with presentations by various chairs...Oratorical contest will be held...will need volunteers to help with various projects....Pres. Eric recommends attendance for the fun and the education.

Josh Cinq-Mars was installed as a new member

Brett Howell spoke on Shop with an Optimist. 7 children came to be with an Optimist for their shopping experience. David Robbin said it was a great time. The kids are so much fun. Pres. Eric went and realized how rewarding it is to be with the kids. Sue Bridgeford helped one little boy get a skateboard and helmet.

Board Meeting: Mighty Mo Pint Benefit for CCC netted \$163...Northern MT Wrestling \$250...GF Selects Baseball \$250...Babe Ruth Baseball \$400...Greg Franczyk knows of a family having to go to Seattle for treatment for a child \$500

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

Christmas Cards from Ewers, Angels in Camo and Girl Scouts

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

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

P.R./ MEMBERSHIP: Pres. Eric needs all dues by 1/20/16. If not paid by then, you will be dropped from the membership. Eric would like to see everyone bring in at least one member before the District Board meeting in February. If you need help, get with Eric or any senior member, they will help you.

Lt. Gov John Huotari presented awards from the 1st Quarter Board meeting for members who had brought in new members from the previous quarter. Recipient is Roger Lesofski

Shane Neuman and Ike Kaufman are working on Uptown's 60th Birthday on April 2. Pictures are needed. Getting together next weekend to go thru photos

CASCADE OF TALENT: Shane Neuman reported auditions are this Saturday, starting at 7:30 am at GFHS auditorium. Will need lots of help to keep the kids flowing smoothly. Rehearsals will be March 5, with one show on March 6 at 4 pm.

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported, bids are coming in for next year already. Supervalve Store on 32nd will be a full overlay with reflective beads.

CHRISTMAS TREE LOT: Denny Hanenburg reported that all 1100 trees sold this year, along with wreaths, candy canes and other things. Approximately \$86000 this year. Special Thanks to Todd Seeman for manning the flocking room. Thots and prayers for Hank and Todd Seeman, they lost a daughter and sister before Christmas. Thank you too the ones who filled in for the injured this year!!! Steak Dinner to be announced later.

CCC FAMILIES: Erin England is still cancer free.....Jordan is out in Seattle now for a check up.... Calvin Diekhans is back home in Power

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart provided a few bikes over the holidays. 10 bikes are still available

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL: Dallas Lopez announced 35th Annual on February 27 at the Holiday Inn. Will have more info closer to the date. Will need volunteers and sponsors for the auction. Volunteers will be needed for set up, for the doors, in the auction room and check out. Jessica Malek is co-chair

PROGRAM:

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich and Sara Robbin

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Next Week: Greg Franczyk

UPCOMING:

January 9 - Cascade of Talent auditions, GFHS at 7:30 am

January 11 Monday - Holiday Inn, Board Meeting planning committee at noon

January 14 - Family Promise

January 21 - Sara Branson - Benefis Foundation

February 4 - Governor Edie will be at tonight's meeting. Goals without plans are just dreams

February 5-6 - 2nd Quarter District Board Meeting, register before January 15 to get discounted rate

February 26 - Wine and Food Festival

March 5 - Tech rehearsal and dress rehearsal, GFHS

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

April 2 - 60th Uptown Birthday

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Mike Peet 01/8 Jesse Cameron 01/9 Lee Scott 1/14
Kayla Thomas 1/17 James Rehm 1/19 Eric Schroedel 1/24 Anitra Hall 1/30
Dirk Larsen 1/31

SIDE POT: John Gregory

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