



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** February 18 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

NEXT WEEK, 2/25, WILL BE AT THE HERITAGE INN AT 6:00 PM FOR STEAK NIGHT.  
CONTACT ROGER LESOFSKI IF YOU ARE ATTENDING AND HAVEN'T SIGNED UP.  
NEED TO KNOW STEAK, RED SNAPPER OR CHICKEN. WATCH YOUR EMAILS

**CONDUCTED BY:** President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Loralie Schroedel

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Lt Gov. John Gregory

SECRET GREETER: Bev Christian

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **Greg Tilton**

**GUESTS:** Becca, Zach, Kelli, Molly, Jacob and Eric from Cascade FFA

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 7

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 2

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

**P.R./ MEMBERSHIP:** 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.

Pres. Eric presented Travis Harp with a Vice President's pin

Pres. Eric presented Jodi Merry with a portfolio to keep papers in

Pres. Eric has brought in 2 more members. He is continuing to work with Jake Clark to get the college club rolling.

Lt. Gov. John Gregory and Mary Gregory went to Havre to present their awards from the District Meeting, Havre was unable to attend due to State Wrestling.

Anitra Hall let us know that Electric City Rugby Club is going strong. Also, Katie is pregnant and expecting in July

\$67.50 for new members, it's 2nd quarter

Josh Cinq-Mars is working up Relay for Life. June 25 at Memorial Stadium. February 29 the Mighty Moe will have a Raise a Pint night as the first fundraiser.

Chocalot Noir was reported by Jana Rehm. Lots of fun. Great desserts. Auction seemed to go well.

Pres. Eric is posting on Facebook a FOO report every week. Watch for these very interesting postings.

Optimist Oratorical, reported by Ev Hall, is going quite well. Travis Harp has joined Ev in mentoring the 25 students with their presentations. Plans to get the Deaf and Blind school involved. Ev has been doing the oratorical for 38 years. Phase 2 is complete. Phase 3 is the dramatic interpretation that starts Thursday. The kids are working hard.

**CASCADE OF TALENT:** Shane Neuman - Rehearsals will be March 5, with one show on March 6 at 4 pm at GFHS. Jan Mader has posters available for tickets. Will need help with rehearsals and the show. Also chaperones for the dressing rooms and backstage. Jan Mader has tickets for the show. Bring non perishable foods for the food banks on the day of the show. More info coming. Will definitely need a spot lighter. Remember since the show is at the high school, the Club is now the labor. The school provides custodial care.

**STRIPING:** Bob Pancich reported that the weather is warm. Calls are coming in. Get the correct contact, the decision maker, when you are referring lots. What condition is the lot in - clean, broken, dirty, covered in things. We need to get the bids out quickly to be ahead of the game. All of last years lot money is in. Bob Pancich 453-2472 for contact information. Looking at May for a start?? Going to need to do a work party to get the trailer ready for the season.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT:** Roger Lesofski reported that February 25 will be Steak Night. Heritage Inn at 6 pm. Look for emails from Lane Little for the Steak winners. Denny Hanenburg has had a meeting with leaders for next year, little bit of fine tuning.

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray reported Jordan Kleinhans has been taking back into the hospital today for fluid on the brain. Drains are in place in his abdomen. A battery of tests are being run. Pray for no cancer.

**PGI/BIKES -** Jeff Barnhart reported that he has lots of bikes available. Bikes are vetted thru My Neighbor in Need and another reputable non-profit.

**WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL:** Dallas Lopez announced 35th Annual on February 27 at the Heritage Inn. Jessica Malek is co-chair. Any empty baskets that are available need to be gotten to Jessica or Dallas asap. Dallas will be sending out emails and will be at next meeting with last minute instructions.

**PROGRAM:** Cascade FFA presents Ag Issue. Pros and Cons given with no resolution. The issue - The Smith River Mining Prospects. FYI, March 4 will be the State Competition in Cascade. 4 sophomores and a freshman will be the presenters. The presentation was done as a style of roundtable discussion with all sides being represented on the issue. Great

presentation, informative and entertaining. Kids were very relaxed and were having fun with it.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Bob Pancich and Lane Little

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:** Scott Lettre born in Clearwater, FL in 1990. Lived there 6 years with mom and dad and two older sisters. Moved to New Hampshire with dad's job. Lived there 6-8 years, then moved to another town in NH. Went to college in NH for sports management. Started working with a minor league team in Massachusetts. Met and married his wife there. Moved out to Montana a couple years ago to be with the League. Had first child in August, Cayden. Wife works at GFPS Foundation. Loves Montana. Scott works with the Voyagers as a sales manager.

Next Week:

**UPCOMING:**

*Monday, February 22 - 11am, Bethel Lutheran Church (behind Heritage Inn), funeral for Jim Cummings*

*February 25 - Steak Night, Heritage Inn, 6 pm. There is Red Snapper for non-steak dinners, \$22. Will start a list next meeting for the dinner. Chicken will be available for non-fish eaters*

*February 27 - Wine & Food Festival, Heritage Inn*

*February 29 - Might Moe, Raise a Pint, for Relay for Life*

*March 3 - North Middle School Grizz Bizz Tour at 4:30 pm, prior to regular meeting. Please if you sign up to attend tour - Attend the Tour. The children have a gift for each member who attends, it's important to have an accurate count*

*March 3 - Uptown Foundation Board Meeting - annual meeting, during the regular Club meeting*

*March 5 - Tech rehearsal and dress rehearsal, GFHS*

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

*April 2 - 60th Uptown Birthday, get out of state member info and Past President's books and memorabilia to Shane Neuman*

*June 25 - Relay for Life, Memorial Stadium*

*July 14 - Voyager Night at the Park*

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** Arlene Wilson 2/18      George Campanella 2/27      Steve Malek 3/9  
Pres. Eric Christian 3/12      John Gregory 3/19      Morgan Leach 3/26      Pat Goodover 3/31

**SIDE POT:** Lane Little

*Optimist gift:*



***Officers & Board Members:***

***PRESIDENT: Eric Christian / 1ST VP: Travis Harp / 2<sup>ND</sup> 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