



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** February 25 at the Heritage Inn at 6:00 pm

**CONDUCTED BY:** President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: President Eric

SERGEANT AT ARMS:

SECRET GREETER:

SECRET GREETER REPORT:

**GUESTS:** Kathy (Greg Tilton) Shyleena (Cody Hctor) Betty (Doug Magers) Liam (Mike Flaherty) Heidi (Lane Little)

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 9

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 3

**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 Jodi Merry and Rachel Huotari with a little something for all the hard work they have done to help him out this year.

\$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.

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.

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray reported

**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:** Steak Night!!! Awards were presented by Travis Harp and Lane Little. Lot of sales awards and lots of hours worked awards. The top three salesmen were Ev Hall, Herb Waltermire and Bob Pancich. Total gross \$86,000+. Total net (after expenses) \$48,000+. Big thank you's to Bob Dompier for making the Heritage Inn be available for tonight. For Roger Lesofski's tireless efforts to organize the evening. A cheer for all the hard work of Todd Seeman. Lastly, thank everyone!!! Without all of the Club, the event would not have been the success it was. Cheers!!!!

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:**

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:**

Next Week:

**UPCOMING:**

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

*Monday, 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*

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

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

*Sunday, 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:** *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:**

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

All newsletter info approved by President Eric Christian