



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: March 3 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Rachel Huotari

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm and Stacey Murray

SECRET GREETER: Lane Little

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

GUESTS: Chris Evans (Buck Beaudry) Wednesday, Conan and Violet (James and Jana Rehm) Ashley (Lane Little)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 9

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1 and new member Chris Evans

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. Gov. Edie Harris is planning on coming. As well as a contingency from Billings. Lots of great pictures and stories. Choice between salmon or steak. No host cocktails at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, music and dancing after. Heritage Inn.

Uptown Foundation, Bob Pancich-Chairman, fund reports are available. Individuals can donate. Smile.Amazon.com will allow you to pick a foundation to donate to when you make a purchase from Amazon. Donations in kind can be made. John and Rachel Huotari have started a yearly donation of \$500/year. The mug nights that the Club has, have monies going in. James Rehm reported on the Treasurer's Report. Pat Goodover and Ike Kaufman have been reappointed for the next 3 year term. Check with your corporations to see if they will donate to the 501C3 on your behalf. Could use a small trailer for hauling trees, would be donation to the Foundation.

John Huotari reported on the Board Meeting. No business, no presentations. A few thank you's were looked at.

Shane Newman attended a Billings Breakfast Club optimist meeting. Breakfast meeting. Creed is read at the start of the meeting. Business followed the meal. Their yearly budget is about what Uptown spends on CCC. Uptown should be proud of the amount of

work we are able to do. Smaller clubs are really working to be what they can. Shane said it was a nice meeting, just very different from what we do.

Pres. Eric is working on starting 3 other clubs. Another potential member was met by Pres. Eric on a chance meeting.

\$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. Ev has been doing the oratorical for 38 years. Phase 2 and 3 are complete. The kids are working hard. Oratorical will be on April 7 at the Holiday Inn at 6 pm. 4/16 Zone at Credit Associates. 4/23 St John's, Billings. 4/29-30 Saskatoon

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. Bring non perishable foods for the food banks on the day of the show. 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. Paulette Walter reported that there are 38 acts this year. Programs are printed. Loading and unloading equipment at GFHS on Friday. Sunday at 3pm will need lots of help.

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. Bob Pancich 453-2472 for contact information. Looking at May for a start?? Denny Hanenburg and John Gregory got the trailer ready for the season.

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported that we have 8 kids to support. Calvin Diekhans has had a couple high fevers that turned out to be virus related. Jordan, 8th grade, has a shunt that goes from his brain to the abdomen. This shunt continues to get plugged. He has been in Benefis a few times for this. This has turned out to be meningitis caused. He is improving. Trayton Johns was seen by Ev Hall recently. He is a strapping 8th grader now. Doing very well.

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart reported \$580 at Wine and Food was for bikes. Jeff has 18-20 names in for Level awards.

WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL: Dallas Lopez and Jessica Malek reported that the event went very well. Lots of drinking. \$10995!!!! \$2810 was from Uptown Members!!! Sonja from Boys and Girls is beyond excited. Also, Jessica and Steve Malek are going to welcome a new bundle in a few months!!!

PROGRAM: Pres. Eric reported on North Middle School Grizz Biz. The kids learn skills, public speaking, creating, billing, etc. The products produced are really nice quality. The program has been replaced the DECA program of old. Kids have learned to maximum productivity and minimize waste. Good speakers and very educational. The teachers that handle the program do this on their own time, during free periods.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Next Week:

UPCOMING:

Friday, March 4 - Loading and Unloading at the GFHS for Cascade of Talent, 9:00 am

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

Sunday, March 6 - Cascade of Talent, 4 pm, one show, GFHS. Be there when you can for helping out

March 19 - Ski Day, Showdown. music at 3 pm, come one come all!!

Saturday, April 2 - 60th Uptown Birthday, Cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm, music and dancing to follow. Heritage Inn. \$20/person for salmon or steak

June 25 - Relay for Life, Memorial Stadium

July 14 - Voyager Night at the Park

August 6 - Float Trip

August 18-20 - District Meeting, Medicine Hat

August 20 - CCC Golf Tournament

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Steve Malek 3/9 Pres. Eric Christian 3/12 John Gregory
3/19 Morgan Leach 3/26 Pat Goodover 3/31

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