



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
P.O. Box 462 / Great Falls, Montana 59403

the OPTIMIST

AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: March 10 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: John Gregory

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Pres. Eric Christian

SECRET GREETER: Scott Radford

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

GUESTS: Jim Rearden Violet (Jana and James Rehm)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 4

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1

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. Still need contact info for out of town or past members/presidents.

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. 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.

Roger Lesofski was nominated for District Vice President.

Pres. Eric is working on starting 3 other clubs. Pres. Eric met with a special group at the Base. The people who attended were interested. Eric is still working on a few details. Base members are not moved out of the area like they were in days of old. USAF has figured out that it is more cost effective to keep missile-airies where they are.

\$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: Pres. Eric reported that several Uptown helped out. Program went very well. John Gregory helped unload equipment on Friday. The kids were great!!

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported that the weather is warm. Calls are coming in. Bob Pancich 453-2472 for contact information. Looking at May for a start?? About \$13000 out on bid currently. Here comes our 14th season!!!

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart reported that a bike was donated to the Little Shell Tribe

PROGRAM: Jim Rearden with Preservation Cascade, spoke on the 10th Street Bridge project. Jim had several great pictures and art depictions of the bridge. The city of Great Falls actually owns the bridge. 75 years of vehicles saw the use of this particular bridge. Lots of work has been done to keep this historical bridge beautiful. Remodeling is being done to re-purpose bridge into a connection to the walking trails. All the work done has been funded by donations, grants and money that was earmarked for it's demolition. No city tax dollars or city funds have been used. This summer will see a lot more work. When completed the bridge will be ready for walking and biking.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich, Bill Quast and Violet Rehm

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Next Week:

UPCOMING:

Saturday, March 12 - Zone Meeting at Holiday Inn, 10:30 am at top of steps in Executive Room

March 17 - Sign up sheet for Oratorical on April 7

March 19 - Ski Day, Showdown, slopes open at 9am, music at 3 pm, come one come all!! Interested parties can look online for specials, each responsible for own ticket. The bar will be open. Look for Ev Hall. Slopes close on the 3rd

March 31 - Warfair, will need judges

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. Still need contact info for out of towners - members/past presidents

April 7 - Oratorical Contest at the Holiday Inn at 6pm

April 29-30 - District Meeting - Saskatoon and Oratorical Contest

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: Pres. Eric Christian 3/12 John Gregory 3/19 Morgan Leach 3/26
Pat Goodover 3/31

SIDE POT: Loralie Schroedel

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