



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: March 17 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Pres. Eric

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm & Dallas Lopez

SECRET GREETER: Josh Cinq-Mars

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

GUESTS: Violet (Jana & James Rehm) Ashleigh & Kinley aka Midget 1&2(Lane Little)
Mike Bicsak (Travis Harp)

Hank Seeman came to visit us!!!

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 9

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1 + 1 - Mike Bicsak

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.

Roger Lesofski has been nominated for vice president of the Great Plains Region.

Pres. Eric spoke on the Zone meeting last Saturday's meeting at the Holiday Inn. Clubs from other areas were in attendance to discuss membership and growth of the clubs. Pres. Eric is very proud of our Club and all the help we do for the youth!!!

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.

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.

Lane Little and Travis Harp presented some of the luggage for the Tree Lot - Ev Hall, Pres. Eric, Hank Seeman, Dirk Larsen and Roger Lesofski

\$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 Travis Harp. The kids are working hard. 5 boys and 18 girls. Some really great contenders this year. 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. Travis does think other clubs should get involved with oratorical. Let's keep it alive!!! Ev is very proud of the work that Travis is doing with the kids, he is quite the mentor.

CASCADE OF TALENT:

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?? Some very large bids are being worked on. New projects and updates on old projects.

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported that Mykala is still Cancer Free..... Jordan is still in the hospital, he has gotten 3 negatives now, so shunt can come out. Should be going home soon!!!

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart

PROGRAM:

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich and Violet Rehm

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Stacey Murray grew up in the Power area, a farmer's daughter. Had scholarships to college, opted for VoTech. Started at North Country (now a corporation) 28 years ago. With practice husband, has three beautiful children, Alicia - in UofM going for clinical psychology, Brianna-junior in high school, wants to own a bridal shop and Conor - 7th grader, very into sports. Stacey was invited to an installation of Past Pres. James Rehm by Loralie. She fell in love with the Club and took over Darla Ewer's job with CCC. And has met her fiance, Brett Howell, thru the Club. Stacey showed a video of the work she has been involved with for 28 years. Know those commercials you see on TV that have 800 numbers, the information at the end that tells you who to call,

that info is put there by the company she works for. Every tape is reviewed before being sent to the TV station that will run the commercial for the allotted time.

Next Week:

UPCOMING:

March 17 - Sign up sheet for Oratorical on April 7

Saturday, 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 24 - program - Great Falls Chamber

March 31 - program - Community Health Improvement

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

Thursday 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: John Gregory 3/19 Morgan Leach 3/26 Pat Goodover 3/31
Ronnie Grina 4/1 Henry Woloszyn 4/2 Jan Mader 4/4 Wayne Johnson 4/7

SIDE POT: Dana Audet

Optimist gift: Jana Rehm



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