



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** March 24 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

**ORATORICAL IS ON 4/7 THURSDAY AT 6 PM AT THE HOLIDAY INN.. contact John Gregory at [jmggregory@bresnan.net](mailto:jmggregory@bresnan.net) to RSVP**

**CONDUCTED BY:** President Eric Christian

**PRAYER & PLEDGE:** John Gregory

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Dallas Lopez and Eric Schroedel

**SECRET GREETER:** Rachel Huotari

**SECRET GREETER REPORT:** all shook

**GUESTS:** Brad Livingston Ben (Rachel Huotari) Violet & Wednesday (Jana & James Rehm)

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 5

**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 July 30. Pictures are needed. Choice between salmon or steak. Hospitality Room at 6pm, dinner at 7pm, music and dancing after. (The Hospitality Room will have no tables, so that people will mingle to meet and greet and visit.) All the events at the Heritage Inn. Need contact info for out of town or past members/presidents, get info to Ike Kaufman or Roger Lesofski. Calling team leaders are Travis Harp, Lane Little, Shane Neuman & James Rehm. Flyers will be taken to the District Meeting for distribution. Mike Flaherty will do a power point. Get Mike pictures that are jpeg files, he can add them [mike@gfpaper.com](mailto:mike@gfpaper.com) . Can also send pics to Pres. Eric and he will forward. Because this is the Birthday, we need history and stories of past Club events and projects. Amusing stories are a must. Photos will help fill out the stories. Invite the 15 longest Club members to tell original stories from the start of the Club. Let's get more on the fishing trips, the Barge, wood chopping, tree lot, work at the Base, etc.

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

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.

\$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. RSVP to John Gregory [jmgregory@bresnan.net](mailto:jmgregory@bresnan.net)

Thank you from Big Brother and Sisters for Josh Cinq-Mars. BBS is looking for more Bigs to be with the kids. About 8 hours a month is all that is needed to make a change for a kid. Ask Josh for details.

Pres. Eric President 868-0987, [frsprt89@gmail.com](mailto:frsprt89@gmail.com) feel free to call with any questions or comments

"Whatever the problem, be part of the solution. Don't just sit around raising questions and pointing out obstacles."

### **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

**PGI/BIKES -** Jeff Barnhart

**PROGRAM:** Brad Livingston spoke on Chamber of Great Falls. Brad grew up in Great Falls. Worked a paper route on the lower South side. After high school, 1973, joined Air National Guard. Was with them for 41 years. The Chamber is about promoting Great Falls and the businesses. There is a rich history and long list of values in our town that is in danger of being lost. The Chamber is working to keep our great reputation. Other large towns in Montana are envious of what Great Falls has - we now have industry, service and agricultural positions. Currently, there are 700+ jobs available in town. Great Falls has gone beyond being a retirement community. We are now attracting young professionals and

new businesses. People are moving back or moving here for the first time. The Chamber Board is looking for new members, younger members to keep the drive going forward.

### **JOKE OF THE WEEK:**

### **OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:**

Next Week:

### **UPCOMING:**

*March 31 - Sign up sheet for Oratorical on April 7*

*March 31 - program - Community Health Improvement*

*March 31 - Warfair, will need judges*

*Thursday, April 7 - Oratorical Contest at the Holiday Inn at 6pm, RSVP to John Gregory [jmgregory@bresnan.net](mailto:jmgregory@bresnan.net)*

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

*June 25 - Relay for Life, Memorial Stadium*

*July 14 - Voyager Night at the Park*

*July 30 - 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*

*August 6 - Float Trip*

*August 18-20 - District Meeting, Medicine Hat*

*August 20 - CCC Golf Tournament*

**BIRTHDAY CLUB:** 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:** Violet Rehm

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**