



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: March 31 at the Pit Stop at 6:30 pm

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING

ORATORICAL IS ON 4/7 THURSDAY AT 6 PM AT THE HOLIDAY INN.. contact John Gregory at jmgregory@bresnan.net to RSVP

DOOR WILL CLOSE AT 6 PM

JOHN GREGORY NEEDS TO HAVE HEAD COUNT NO LATER THAN MONDAY

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Pres. Eric

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Dallas Lopez

SECRET GREETER: Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

GUESTS: Erin Merchant and Trisha Houston

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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 5-6:30pm, dinner at 7pm, music and dancing after. 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. Mike Flaherty will do a power point. Get Roger Lesofski and Mike pictures that are jpeg files, they can add them mike@gfpaper.com. Can also send pics to Pres. Eric and he will forward. Roger Lesofski has a presentation from the 45th anniversary that can be added to. Invite will go out to every member, to District meeting. Gov. Edie will be asked to email out enmass. Roger suggested that written invites go to the other clubs. Matt Merry suggested talking to the younger clubs to help for manpower. Let's really work at getting the older members to come. Lane Little suggests grouping the pics and stories by decade. Bob Pancich recommends that there is a emcee. Scott Radford suggests pictures rolling thru dinner and hospitality room. Ev Hall suggests having some rolling games to get people to mingle, possible offer cash prizes. Scott Radford suggests name tags with who brought the member in. Past presidents should bring their outfits and scrapbooks. John Gregory recommends a birthday cake. Jody Merry

suggested not having live music for dancing, but music in the background. Roger will check into rates for Heritage Inn. Matt suggests people may be help to share their homes also.

\$45.00 for new members, starting 4/1/2016

Pres. Eric said the MAFB club will not be happening just yet. Those potential members are going to join Uptown for the time being. More work is going into getting a sanctioned club on the base.

Lt Gov John Gregory and Bob Pancich went to Bud Monroe's funeral in Helena today. Bud was very instrumental in getting the striping program off the ground.

Optimist Oratorical, reported by Travis Harp. The kids are working hard. 4 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

"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. Two of the machines are up and running. One more to repair. Bids are already over \$36000.

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported via Pres. Eric - Jordan Kleinhans is still in Seattle. Had surgery again to remove the shunt that was placed on the 18th. He will be on an external drain, with this drain he has to let the nurse know if he wants to sit up or lay down. He can walk twice a day with the drain clamped. He's had negative testing so far, but takes 10 days for bacteria to grow. Is losing weight, Maxine is worried, hoping he doesn't get depressed. Uptown helped them with \$1000 for travel and eating expenses. They are above and beyond appreciative!!!

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart

PROGRAM: Community Health Improvement by Erin Merchant from the Community Health Department. There is a coalition of State programs to help make Great Falls a healthier place to live. Substance Abuse, Maintaining a Healthy Weight and Access to Health are the three main goals. Abuse is looking at getting the youth to refrain from drinking and doing drugs. Sticker Shock put stickers on cases of beer to remind sellers that it is illegal for youth. Check out the billboards that out there against drug abuse. Binge drinking and marijuana use is hard to combat in Montana. Weight is working with Get Fit to help Great Falls realize that walking is a exercise too. There are many local programs to help get people, including youth, moving to be more fit. Health covers everything, medical, optical, dental and mental health. The coalition is working on making sure that people have access to health. Getting Community Health to change their hours. Indian Health to move their local for easier access. Benefis to have more availability. Working on getting health providers to be more open to helping Medicaid and low income patients. Community Health Improvement is always looking for volunteers, comments and ideas to help improve.
thouston@cascadecountymt.gov or www.cchdmt.org

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Next Week:

UPCOMING:

Thursday, April 7 - Oratorical Contest at the Holiday Inn at 6pm, RSVP to John Gregory 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: Pat Goodover 3/31 Ronnie Grina 4/1 Henry Woloszyn 4/2
Jan Mader 4/4 Wayne Johnson 4/7 Brian Waranaskas 4/18 Gavin McCluey 4/19
Don Hamilton 4/26 Michael Mader 4/27

SIDE POT: Dallas Lopez

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

