



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: April 14 at 6:30 pm at the Pitstop

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Travis Harp

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm and Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER: John Huotari

SECRET GREETER REPORT: Kayla Thomas

GUESTS: Ben (Rachel Huotari) Karen & Neil Cleveland (John Gregory) Scott Patera
Doug Kuntz (Pat Goodover) Shelby Kuenning

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 8

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 3

MEETING NOTES: "IF EVERYONE DOES A LITTLE, A LOT GETS DONE"

P.R./ MEMBERSHIP: Uptown's 60th Birthday on July 16. Hospitality Room at 5-6:30pm, dinner at 7pm, music and dancing after. All the events at the Holiday Inn. Shane Neuman - Chairman. Committee Heads are Roger Lesofski (location/hospitality/rooms), Rachel Huotari (calling tree/registration) and Bob Pancich (event agenda). Look for info from these Committee Heads and be ready to pitch in.

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

Karen Cleveland from Downtown spoke on the upcoming Rob Quist concert. The concert will help kids get instruments for participating in music programs. Rob Quist does some workshops with kids the day before the concert. 4/26 West Elementary at 7:30 pm, \$15. CMR/GFHS graphic design teams did the posters.

Jen Cinq-Mars and Mindy Grassman were inducted into Uptown by Lt. Gov John Gregory

Thank you was passed around from the CMR Project Graduation

Thank you from Children's Receiving Home for "Princess for a Day" donation

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

CASCADE OF TALENT: Next year, will have committees to help the show run more smoothly and relieve pressure from Chair Shane Neuman

ORATORICAL CONTEST: John Gregory reported that 62 out of 63 Uptown sign ups came to see these youth show their oratorical skills. The Holiday Inn provided a great meal and great, quiet area for the speakers. Travis Harp reported that the girls were outstanding, tough to judge. The boys gave their best speeches of the year.

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported Super One needed a quicky striping job. Got it handled with the membership. First job of the season is now behind us.

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported via Pres. Eric that Jordan has been back to Seattle to get the shunt replaced, doing great..... Blake has had a very successful open heart surgery....Kyler is doing great. Big sister, Felicity is Student of the Week

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart presented James Rehm with his Level 5, Jana Rehm Level 3, Shane Neuman, Level 3, John Gregory Level 4. Great job Uptown!!!

PROGRAM: Scott Patera from Northwest Energy spoke on Clean Power Plan. The Plan is a mandate to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil plants by 32% nationwide. Just in Montana, the requirement is 47% reduction by 2030. Clean Energy was put into place by President Obama. Montana's reduction is the highest, due to having been tested in the year 2012, when the state was processing all the flood waters. The State has to work on figuring out how to handle this plan, it is not NW Energy's sole problem. There is a stay in place to give more time for planning and taking care of the customers of power. The final decision will be in late 2017 or 2018. Colstrip will be the hardest hit. There will be a trickle down that will affect the economy of Montana substantially. Water and coal are the biggest fuel sources for our state. FYI, the wind power from Judith Gap is used only by Montanans. NW Energy is community minded and does give \$65000 a year for various organizations.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Next Week:

UPCOMING:

Electric City Rugby Club is hosting three home games this month, April 9, 16, and 23. Games are played at CMR practice field and start approximately 11:00am. Both boys and girls teams play. We would love to see Uptown Optimists on the pitch cheering for the home team.

April 23 - Regional Oratorical, Holiday Inn at 1pm

April 26 - Rob Quist Concert for Downtown Optimists, \$15, 7:30pm, West Elementary

April 29-30 - 3rd Qtr District Board Meeting - Saskatoon and Oratorical Contest

June 25 - Relay for Life, Memorial Stadium

July 14 - Voyager Night at the Park

July 16 - 60th Uptown Birthday, Cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm, music and dancing to follow. Holiday 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: Wayne Johnson 4/7 Brian Waranaskas 4/18 Gavin McCluey 4/19
Don Hamilton 4/26 Michael Mader 4/27

SIDE POT: Lane Little

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