



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: April 21 at 6:30 pm at the Pitstop

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING, APRIL 28, BE SURE TO ATTEND. 60TH BIRTHDAY CALLING TREE WILL BE FINALIZED. LONGTIME AND NEWER MEMBERS ARE ALL WANTED

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Lane Little

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Eric Schroedel and Dallas Lopez

SECRET GREETER: Shane Neuman

SECRET GREETER REPORT: **all shook**

GUESTS: Carol Bronson Josh Bragg (Pres. Eric Christian), moved here in 2011, USAF, wife and 2 little boys, joined USAF in 2010, from St. Louis

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 8

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1 + 1 Josh Bragg

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. There is a block of rooms available. 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. Roger has found that the Hospitality room will be supplied by the Holiday Inn for a nominal fee. Ike Kaufman is working on the photo end of the project. Need a Committee Head for decorations (possibly Sara Robbin).

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

Josh Cinq-Mars spoke on Relay for Life. Thank you to Uptown for the donation!! Josh is working on a team. If you would like to join him, contact him at 868-0154 or jjcinqmars@msn.com. You can also be a part by going to relayforlife.org, picking Cascade County, for donations or to join a team. June 25, 6 am to midnight at Memorial Stadium

Lt. Gov. John Gregory visited the Helena Club this past week. 11 out of 18 members were in attendance. Helena has met at Jorgenson's forever, the younger members are looking at new venues to change things up a bit. They have set up two \$500 scholarships for MSU.

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

CASCADE OF TALENT: Next year there will be a committee to help Paulette Walter. This will help take care of some of the stress involved.

ORATORICAL CONTEST: Travis Harp reported that two of the boys will be competing with two from Billings this weekend for State, 1pm Missouri Room, Holiday Inn. Maggie Peterson will be going to Saskatoon as a 12 year old.

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported that there will be more Super One to paint. Be watching your emails from Bob. Looks to be a great year!!

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported via Pres. Eric, no news is good news

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart

PROGRAM: Carol Bronson from Neighborworks spoke on one of their current projects, controlling the panhandling downtown. Because of the Freedom to Speech, unless the person gets in your face and is aggressive, there is nothing that can be done. Coins for a Cause jars are around town to put the money that you would give a panhandler. Those funds are then gathered once a year and given to a local service to help those in need. A new program, Keep the Change, has been started that is a bit more aggressive to help keep from encouraging panhandlers. The GFPD is starting a new patrol system to handle downtown for the more aggressive problems. This will include all forms of law breaking, even jaywalking. Believe it or not, our downtown is the greatest crime problem in Great Falls. Be aware of your surroundings, don't be afraid to call in problems if you see them. May 12, Friday at 5:30 pm, dinner, will be a discussion to handle these issues as a community. April 30 will be a Prescription Drug Takeback. Bring all unused, expired, unwanted medications for proper disposal. Keep these drugs out of the wrong hands. April 25 will have a meeting on downtown development for the historical building. Huge tax credits are available.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Next Week: Jessica Malek

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 28 - Next Meeting - please attend to help get the calling tree prepared for the 60th Birthday - longtime Uptown as well as newer Uptown

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

May 12 - GFPS needs help for 5th & 6th grades track meet, Memorial Stadium, 4:30pm

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, Holiday Inn.

August 6 - Float Trip

August 18-20 - District Meeting, Medicine Hat

August 20 - CCC Golf Tournament

BIRTHDAY CLUB: Don Hamilton 4/26 Michael Mader 4/27 Bob Pancich 5/06
Travis Harp 5/7 Rachel Huotari 5/12 Corb Browne 5/17

SIDE POT: John Gregory

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