



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: April 28 at 6:30 pm at the Pitstop

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Pres. Eric Christian

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm & Dallas Lopez

SECRET GREETER: Jack Lawson

SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

GUESTS: Tyler (Dallas Lopez) Violet & Conan (James & Jana Rehm) Ben (John Huotari)
John Gass

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 7

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 1 Mike Bicsa

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. Committee for decorations, Sara Robbin and Mary Gregory. Dinner will be prime rib and salmon.

Lt. Gov. John Gregory spoke on the Rob Quist Concert by the Downtown Optimist. 18 kids participated in the songwriting for performance last Tuesday night. 110 tickets were sold for the performance, very poorly attended. The funds, if any, are to go back into the North and West Junior High music programs for instrument rental.

Roger Lesofski has been voted as a nominee into Optimist International for International Vice President for 2017

Cody Hctor did a project at UGF, a bake sale - he managed it all on his own. He raised \$236 for the Foundation

Slate for next year - Travis Harp:President Lane Little:1st Vice President Shane Neuman:2nd Vice President Board Members for nomination: Dana Audet, Jessica Malek, David Robbin

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

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

CASCADE OF TALENT: Paulette Walter will be the Director. There will be committees to help get this done. Pres. Eric needs names of any volunteers.

ORATORICAL CONTEST: Travis Harp and Ev Hall are working with Maggie Peterson for Saskatoon. Go Maggie!!!

STRIPING: John Gregory reported that Grandview was being worked on last week, Bob Pancich had a fall. It did not look good. Bob ended going to a doctor a few days later, he is on the Disabled List for the next 15 days. He did avoid serious injury, but does have some pretty nasty bruising.

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray reported Jordan is doing great. Austyn is coming up on a one year checkup Calvin is progressing nicely

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart reported that Walmart has donated more bikes. Vineyard Church is wanting to put away some bikes for donation.

PROGRAM: John Gass from Lighthouse Community Services help people with addiction problems or other tragedies get thru their lives and learn from the adversity to make changes for the better and recover. This faith based service helps people find their center and their faith. Lighthouse is in for the long haul, recovery from addiction is not done overnight. Vocational programs are done to go hand in hand with recovery programs. Habits are built - showing up for work on time, follow thru and discipline, professionalism, manage time wisely and stay balanced (eat properly, get sleep, etc). Earn the recovery, work for it - this is a strong motto. Lighthouse has a detail shop and a mobile wash to provide jobs that help get the priorities in order. Lighthouse can use scholarships, each person is paid to work at the detailing and washing. My Neighbor In Need uses the people to refurbish furniture. Lighthouse is working in getting a 501C3.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Sara Robbin

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK: Jessica Malek, Jeff & Betty Burns are her parents, she was born in Germany. End of senior year, met Steve, and have been together ever since. Product of GFPS, graduated from Northern. Teaches at grade school here. Married Steve in 2009, and has a new one coming in August. Dallas introduced Jessica and Steve to Uptown, where they are proud members. Marcus Lawrence will be the name of the new Malek.

Next Week:

UPCOMING:

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, contact him at 868-0154 or jjcinqmars@msn.com

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: *Bob Pancich 5/06 Travis Harp 5/7 Rachel Huotari 5/12*
Corb Browne 5/17 6/13 Patty Jaraczski 6/15 Erica Harp

SIDE POT: *Doug Magers*

Optimist gift: *Mary Gregory*



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