



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
P.O. Box 462 / Great Falls, Montana 59403

# the OPTIMIST

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: Bev Christian  
SERGEANT AT ARMS: Dallas Lopez  
SECRET GREETER: Scott Radford  
SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

**GUESTS:** Ben (Rachel Huotari) Taylor (Dallas Lopez)

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 8

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 3 (Michael Griffith)

**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. 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. **NEED HELP WITH CALLING TREE**

New Member Induction: Colby Holliman

Ev Hall nominated the Club for Great Falls Education Union award for helping and encouraging youth. We will be receiving the Silver Apple award for this year on 5/13 at 5:30pm at the Holiday Inn.

District Board Meeting in Saskatoon, reported by Roger Lesofski, was a great time. Friday night was a lot of dancing and mingling. Oratorical was great. Maggie Peterson did not win, but did a great job!!! Looking forward to Medicine Hat. Travis Harp reports that attendance was about 110 Optimists. Little town in north Canada, Worman, came to the meeting just to meet optimists. Uptown is +2, we are leading in new members. Maggie, at 13, competed against much older kids. She was even with them in competition.

Optimist International Are Honoring Our Heroes: For each of the first three, military, law enforcement or teachers that join the Uptown Optimist club, another Hero can join for

free!!! Or they can split it! Limited to 3 heroes. \$45 1st hero 2nd Free or split it for \$22.50 each. If you are under 30 yrs old it is \$30 1st hero and 2nd free or \$15 each (must both be under 30). Ends June 30

Board Meeting - Sunshine Limited (Mike Dalton) \$850 to help sponsor an Americorp....Temporary change to Club Policy to allow for Honoring a Hero program

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."

**ROADSIDE CLEANUP:** June 4th, Saturday, at Fort Shaw. Breakfast at Loralie & Eric Schroedel's house.

**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:** Fellow Optimists: Here's the striping schedule:for Saturday, 5/7/2016  
Need: 6 ~ 7 Optimists about 3 hours.

8:30 AM Bethel Lutheran Church, 1009 18th Ave SW (Behind the Heritage Inn) ~  
Layout & Paint 3 Handicaps

Then Malteurop, 2800 Great Bear Ave, (Malt Plant North of town) We have a layout of 43 spaces and some long Yellow lines for a walkway. This is a hard hat area and long pants are required per FED Regulation. There will be a 15 minute safety briefing before starting.

Let me know ASAP that you will work. Yours in Optimism, Bob

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray reported no news is good news. Austyn received \$500 to travel to Seattle for a checkup in a week. She is still Cancer Free. Calvin Diekhans dad will be the new principal at Riverview grade school.

**PGI/BIKES -** Jeff Barnhart reported that Victory Church was looking for bikes for kids. Walmart came thru with kids bikes, all we had were adult size.

**PROGRAM:**

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:**

## OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Next Week:

## UPCOMING:

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

*May 12 - Program - Warfair*

*May 19 - Program - We will assembly outside the Veolia Plant (1600 6th Street NE at 6:30 pm. Afterwards we will retire to the THE FRONT for food, drinks and fellowship.*

*May 26 - Program - Mike Dalton, Sunburst Limited*

*June 25 - Relay for Life, Memorial Stadium, contact him at 868-0154 or [jjcinqmars@msn.com](mailto:jjcinqmars@msn.com) to either join the MANG team or to start your own. Noon to midnight "World Hope Tour" is the theme this year*

*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, theme Fancy Hawaiian. Let's get a great turn out. Club repays you for the cost of meeting.*

*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 Jaraczkeski                      6/15 Erica Harp

**SIDE POT:**      Pat Goodover

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**