



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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MEETING DATE/LOCATION: May 26 at 6:30 pm at the Pit Stop

CONDUCTED BY: President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: John Gregory
SERGEANT AT ARMS: Rachel Huotari
SECRET GREETER: Sue Bridgeford
SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

GUESTS: Shyleana (Cody Hoctor) Garrido (Kayla Thomas)

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 6

NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: 4

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

Hailey Renee Merry entered the world on Tuesday at 8:05 pm!!! Congratulations Jodi and Matt!!!

\$200 from President's Club, prompted by John Huber and Mary Manning, to be used for CCC

Michael Griffith was inducted into the Club

Stanger Scholarship went to 3 new students, with possibly a couple more. The previous recipients are being contacted

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**

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

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

ROADSIDE CLEANUP: June 4th, Saturday, at Fort Shaw. Breakfast at Loralie & Eric Schroedel's house. (AT&T has service in Simms now, no Verizon)

CASCADE OF TALENT: See Pres. Eric to get on a committee now. This is a project that takes all year to get going

STRIPING: Bob Pancich reported that due to the rain and the cold, the bids are out, but need it to be a bit warmer and drier before we can really roll. July 5th will see a large project along with all the rest that follow. Total bids out right now are \$53000.

CCC FAMILIES: Stacey Murray

PGI/BIKES - Jeff Barnhart has a contact for a gentleman who has 50 bikes available for donations. Jeff will check on the status and condition of the bikes

PROGRAM: *Mike Dalton, Sunburst Limited* Mike came to present the updates that have happened in the last 5 years. Westside Orchard is growing and is very productive. The kids have a great time growing their own food. Most of the kids come from the Boys and Girls Club to work on the raised beds. A huge greenhouse will be put together to extend the growing season... Last year, a deal was struck with the large grocery stores to take the fresh food that is not 'perfect' to the food pantries and various organizations throughout town... In the works is to build a community kitchen with an attached processing plant. Local farmers that have no buyers for their produce and give the extra to the kitchen.

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Lane Little and Bob Pancich

OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:

Next Week:

UPCOMING:

June 4 - Roadside Cleanup, Fort Shaw, Schroedel's for breakfast

June 9 - Program - Cascade County Law Clinic

June 23 - Junior Optimist Golf Tourney, see your emails from Dana Audet

June 25 - Relay for Life, Memorial Stadium, contact him at 868-0154 or 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: 6/13 Patty Jaraczkeski 6/15 Erica Harp 6/17 Sue
Bridgeford 6/19 Jennifer Rutledge 6/22 Doug Kirby 6/28 Brett Howell

SIDE POT: Eric Christian

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