



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** June 2 at 6:30 pm at the Pit Stop

**CONDUCTED BY:** President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Pres. Eric  
SERGEANT AT ARMS: Josh Cinq-Mars  
SECRET GREETER: Rachel Huotari  
SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

**GUESTS:** Ben (John Huotari) Colleen Brady, Alli Inglebright and Katelyn Farrington

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 6

**NEW MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** 1

**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. **WATCH YOUR EMAILS!!** Need pictures and stories. Please RSVP - yes or no - whether you're attending.

Pres. Eric recognized past and present military members. Josh Cinq-Mars asked us to remember the family of the Blue Angels Navy pilot who lost his life today. One of the Air Force Thunderbirds survived his crash today.

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:** Fellow Optimists: The weather has finally warmed up!! Here's the Striping Schedule for Sunday, 6/5/16: Need: 10 Optimists About: 4 Hours

- 6:30 AM Crescent Electric, 100 9th Ave South, Paint one Blue line which was missed previously and 24 additional feet of Yellow Curb
- Then Small Strip Mall between Target & Albertson's on 10th Ave So. Remark two Fishbones of lines, Lines in the front and 20 Yellow Parking Bumpers
- Then Pizza Hut, 4900 2nd Ave North, remark all lines, arrows and Drive Thru stencil
- Then Taylor's Automax, 4100 10th Ave So, remark lines, paint bumpers, light bases and stencil CUSTOMER.

Let me know ASAP that you will work. Yours in Optimism, Bob NEED 5 MORE VOLUNTEERS!!!!

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray updated us that two weeks ago she had lunch with Kyler Strieb at school. It was a great to see him with his peers. He has just gotten over Hand, Foot and Mouth and now has another illness.....Austyn is doing great. One more check up then she will go to maintenance.....Treyson is connected with a bone marrow recipient...On the flip side, Stacey lost a long time adult friend to cancer last week.

**PGI/BIKES -** Jeff Barnhart

**PROGRAM:** Big Brothers/Big Sisters brought to us by Katelyn Farrington, Alli Inglebright and Colleen Brady.....BBBS is for mentoring kids. Volunteers help with homework, providing a 'steady' relationship for children that don't have the stability to be productive.....A new Diversion program is being instituted to help kids get thru the requirements for the offense they committed...Josh and Jen Cinq-Mars have been paired with a little boy for the last five years. They will take him hunting, watch his ball games, movies, working at the tree lot. Josh and Jen have really enjoyed watching him grow.....Matches for BBBS are for at least a year, preferably longer....Alli spoke on the exposure they have in the community. BBBS is confused with Boys & Girls Club a lot. BBBS has advertising out and makes lots of presentations to clubs just like ours. Golf for Kids Sake next Friday, Harvest Hops 9/15 - at the Sting with the Clintons and Bowling Tournament - Sock Hop theme -in February Always need volunteers to be a BIG!! All ages are great to be a Big, from high school to grandparents

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Bob Pancich

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:**

Next Week:

**UPCOMING:**

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

*Thursday, June 9 - Program - Cascade County Law Clinic*

*Friday, June 10 - Golf for Kids Sake, Big Brothers/Big Sisters*

*Saturday, June 11 - Carol and Ev's anniversary - 44 years*

*Saturday, June 11 - Boys & Girls Club Color Blitz - show up to throw purple*

*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](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 - 4th Quarter 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*

*September 15 - Harvest Hops, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Sting, The Clintons playing outdoor concert. Raffle, possible silent auction*

**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:**        Josh Cinq-Mars

**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

