



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** June 9 at 6:30 pm at the Pit Stop

**CONDUCTED BY:** President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: John Sullivan  
SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm  
SECRET GREETER: Pres. Eric Christian  
SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

**GUESTS:** Ben (John Huotari) Speakers: Harmony, Jordan, David, Karee & Ron

**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.

Thank you from Girl Scouts for In School Scouting

Katie Van Setten was inducted into the Club

Stanger Scholarship will be increasing funds thru the Flaherty Foundation to \$1000-1st year, \$2000-2nd year, \$3000-3rd year and \$4000-4th year. Application process will change to keep kids in school. We have 5 scholarships going out this year - 3 new and 2 already in school.

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:** 21 members came out to clean up the highway around Fort Shaw. Thank you to the Schroedel's for cooking.

**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 Albertson's Westside was done in 4 hours during business hours. Ended up with 14 Uptown. Quite the morning. The sun is out, the bids are coming in. No striping this weekend due to thunderstorms. Look for emails to start a crew on Monday.

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray reported via Pres. Eric. the Marchion Family sent a thank you for the \$500 gift card for travel. Kyler Streib graduated kindergarten!!!

**PGI/BIKES -** Jeff Barnhart received a request for a bike to be given to a veteran. Approved by the Club.

**PROGRAM:** Cascade Law Clinic - Harmony, Jordan, David, Karee and Ron - This group helps people who don't have the funds to get legal services. Judge Neal started the group to help with family matters and rental issues. All services are pro bono after a \$50 fee to get the issue started. Since its inception, approximately \$250,000 in free legal care has been given out. The Clinic steps in with lawyers and para legal services to help low income get the help to go to court and prevail. Not all the lawyers are family law, but they are still invested. They also assist in adoption processes. The Clinic is entirely volunteer and is always looking for volunteers. They are completely grant funded and currently looking for ways to fundraise. "People's Law School" was started in March. Another clinic will be in the fall. Work is being done to start a co-parenting class that are more cost effective. Uncontested court is Wednesday mornings at 9, if you want to see the type of cases that are and should be handled by the Clinic. 401 3rd Ave. N.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Bob Pancich

**OPTIMIST OF THE WEEK:**

Next Week:

**UPCOMING:**

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

*Saturday, June 11 - Boys & Girls Club Color Blitz - show up to throw purple - show up at 9am to UGF near the McLaughlin Center*

*June 16 - Program - Revitalization of Grand Vista Park (Fox Farm)*

*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:**        Bill Quast

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