



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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AMS & NW DISTRICT



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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** June 16 at 6:30 pm at the Pit Stop

**CONDUCTED BY:** President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE: Bev Christian

SERGEANT AT ARMS: James Rehm

SECRET GREETER: Corb Browne

SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

**GUESTS:** Hailey (3 weeks old)(Jody Merry) Joseph Petrella, Casey Furr & Joe Furr  
Wednesday (Jana & James Rehm)

**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. Shane reported that the Calling Tree is still working away.

Pres. Eric Christian received a letter from OI congratulating him on bringing in 25 new members. He is now the proud bearer of a '25' pin.

**CCC GOLF TOURNAMENT:** John Sullivan reported that August 20, Saturday. Tee time 8am. 2 person scramble. First job is hole sponsors and prizes.

**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 says no work this weekend due to rain and Father's Day. Thank you to all the crew members last week!!!

**CCC FAMILIES:** Stacey Murray reported that nothing has changed. Good news!!!

**PROGRAM:** Revitalization of Grand Vista Park in Fox Farm presented by Joe Petrella, Casey Furr and Joe Furr. Mr. Petrella is the director of the Parks and Rec. Casey is the Fund Chair and a concerned citizen. The goal of the revitalization is to provide playground

equipment for children of all abilities. The previous equipment was removed 25 years ago due to disrepair. Casey is the 'driver' on this project. She is working on getting a park that would meet the goal of Paris Gibson when he decided Great Falls should be a town of parks. The equipment that is desired would accommodate children and adults with disabilities, as well as being safe for children of all ages. Fundraising is going on and donations are always welcome. Grand Vista Park is 16.5 acres with baseball fields, one slide, one basketball hoop with blacktop and one walking path. All parks in America since 2012 have to be ADA approved. This means that EVERY child can be with their friends and play at the park. There is a lot of work ahead. The basic needs are volunteers and funds.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Bob Pancich and Loralie Schroedel

**UPCOMING:**

*Thursday, June 23 - Junior Optimist Golf Tourney at 11 am at Eagle Falls, see your emails from Dana Audet. Need a few people to help for scoring.*

*Thursday, June 23 - Program - Tanner Bleskin, Health and Nutrition*

*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*

**SIDE POT:** Loralie Schroedel

**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

