



THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF UPTOWN GREAT FALLS  
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**MEETING DATE/LOCATION:** July 21 at 6:30 pm at the Pit Stop

**CONDUCTED BY:** President Eric Christian

PRAYER & PLEDGE:

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Dallas Lopez & Rachel Huotari

SECRET GREETER: Scott Radford

SECRET GREETER REPORT: all shook

**GUESTS:** Hailey (Jodi Merry) Ben (John Huotari)

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

**P.R./ MEMBERSHIP:** Uptown's 60th Birthday saw over 80 in attendance. Bob Pancich did a great job emceeing... Gov. Edie Harris came down from Canada. 4 new members joined that night. Got to visit with old members and previous members.

Rodger McConnell has passed away tonight. Please prayer for his friends and family. He will be missed. He was instrumental in the Veteran's Affairs in Great Falls

Thank you from Boys and Girls Club for the donations we make to them.

Bret & Darla Ewer let us know that they wintered in south Texas. Visited New Orleans, the Carolinas, Kentucky bourbon tour, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Montana. Heading to Albuquerque for the Bloom Festival

James Rehm read a thank you from Chase Rosmiller, one of the Stanger Scholarship winners.

Denise Hanenburg will be the Committee Chair for Cascade of Talent, working with Paulette Walter as director. Need some more committee members to help make the work easier. There are things to be done now.

**CCC GOLF TOURNAMENT:** John Sullivan reported that August 20, Saturday at Anaconda Hills. Tee time 8am. 2 person scramble. Prime Rib dinner at the Do Bar after. Check website for any and all forms. John Sullivan is working on lists from last year's hole sponsors. Keep working on hole sponsors and start getting teams.

**STRIPING:** Fellow Optimists: Here's the Weekend striping schedule:  
Saturday, 7/23/16                      Need:                      5 Optimists:                      About: 3 1/2 Hours

• 7 AM Stockett Community Bible Chapel, 42 Front Street, Stockett, MT This is about 20 miles East of GF just off the Stockett Road. This is a layout over a seal coat ~ most stripes show through. Then Helena Chemical, (Just East of Giant Springs Water Co) . Turn North at Steel Etc on 52nd Street North, then turn East on 18th Ave North & look for James Talcott Const sign. This project is still under construction and has a small lot for parking. Chris Ward will have it laid out. Then American National Ins, 914 20th Street South. Small layout with 6 parking spaces.

Sunday, 7/24/2016 Need: 6 Optimists About: 4 hours

- 7 AM Credit Associates, 1308 12th Ave South repaint existing. Then Lincare complex, 13th Ave So & 13th Street South repaint existing. Then Tire Rama, 521 10th Ave South repaint small lot. Then Gore Hill Storage, 4500 Tri Hill Frontage Rd repaint selected areas. Let me know ASAP if you will work. Yours in Optimism,

Bob

**CCC:** Stacey Murray reported that Jordan Kleinhans will be heading to Seattle next week for his checkup. Hope they come back again with good news and continues to be cancer free.... Calvin Diekhans just returned from Seattle. He is still doing great!! His next checkup will be in October....Trayton Jones will be heading to Seattle mid-August for a biopsy on his thyroid....Trayson Harrell's bone marrow aspirate showed "greater than 95%" DONOR cells which they call ALL DONOR!!! The split chimerism showed his CD33 (the red blood cell makers) at 100% ALL DONOR as well!!!! His sickled blood cell percentage was .9% (less than 1%)!!! That's right Sickle Cell Disease...[#teamTRAY](#) is going to defeat you yet! This is his second go at a bone marrow transplant and his body is accepting it! Way to go Trayson!...[Our new CCC Alaric Reneau \(Ruth & Bret\) He is 2 years old and was rushed to Seattle last week with a tumor in his right kidney. His tumor was called a Wilms' tumor. The tumor \(and kidney\) was removed in its entirety and had not spread at all to the surrounding lymph nodes. NO CHEMO...it didn't spread! Their followup appointment will be in Kalispell in one month.](#)

**PROGRAM:** Optimist Club Skills and Development presented by Jeff Barnhart. Personal Growth and Improvement - PGI!!!! PGI is all about improving yourself as an individual by learning to speak in public, learning to achieve goals, learning how to recruit new members and build new clubs, learning how to put yourself into difficult, uncomfortable situations and succeed. The Passport is a little booklet to keep track of your progress. There are different tasks for each Level towards the goal of completion.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK:** Bob Pancich

**UPCOMING:**

*July 28 - Program - Becoming a Weather Ready Nation*

*July 30 - Annual Sidewalk Sale Downtown. We will have a table. Will need volunteers to run it*

*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. Would like to see at least 18 members attend*

*August 20 - CCC Golf Tournament*

*August 25 - Program - Great Falls School Bond*

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

***SIDE POT:*** Jack Lawson

***Officers & Board Members:***

***PRESIDENT: Eric Christian / 1ST VP: Travis Harp / 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

All newsletter info approved by President Eric Christian