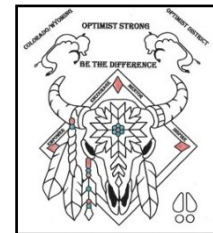




# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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### Good Moring Optimist

On this day in 4977 B.C., the universe is created, according to German mathematician and astronomer



Johannes Kepler, considered a founder of modern science. Kepler is best known for his theories explaining the motion of planets. Kepler's research was slow to gain widespread traction during his lifetime, but it later served as a key influence on the English mathematician Sir Isaac Newton (1643-1727) and his law of gravitational force. As for Kepler's calculation about the universe's birthday, scientists in the 20<sup>th</sup> century developed



Al Gapuzan & Don Roth

Photo Noel Hasselgren

the Big Bang theory, which showed that his calculations were off by about 13.7 billion years.

However, on this day in 2018, attending members were greeted

by **Al Gapuzan** and **Don Roth**.

### First Bell

President **Jim Easton** welcomed the members and our special Thomas Jefferson High School guests and then called on **Tom Overton** to lead the opening invocation and pledge of allegiance.

### Invocation & Pledge

**Tom Overton** read the invocation, reminding us "to be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind ...", and then lead us in the pledged of allegiance to our flag.

### Guests

**Dick Nickoloff** introduced his guest Bob Henry, who Dick met at 24-Hour Fitness. Bob shared that he

grew up in Detroit, the same as Dick. Hopefully, Bob will return to have breakfast and to join our merry band of gentlemen!

### Announcements

To save some meeting time **President Jim** jumped right in to calling for announcements.

**Colfax Marathon:** In the absence of president elect **Everett Gardner**, the event organizer, **Greg Young** reported that Everett has promised organizers of the Colfax Marathon 120 volunteers to hand out registration packets, t-shirts, etc., from 3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be working at Mile High Stadium. Free t-shirts for everyone who works and we can make \$750 for the club. Volunteer on line at <http://monacosouth.org/event/colfax-marathon-registration-support/>. Guests, family members, and neighbors are all welcome to assist. You can park for free by entering Gate 7 at Lot B.

**T1DOC Thank You:** **Greg Young** also read a thank you note from the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC) for the club's donation of \$1500, which will pay for five diabetic kids to go a special summer camp, staffed by medical specialists and specially trained caregivers.

**McMeen Elementary Super Citizen:** **Don Thomson**, Super Citizen Coordinator for McMeen announced a successful Super Citizens assembly at McMeen Elementary on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The assembly was made extra special since the ROTC Color Guard from Thomas Jefferson High School, not only posted the colors for the assemblies, but put on an exhibition of close order drill techniques on the playground after each of three assemblies. Thanks to members **John Oss**, **Mike White**, **Dave Peck**, and **Don Thomson**, who attended. Twenty-six students received awards.

**9 Health Fair:** **Don Thomson** also thanked those who helped out at the 9 Health Fair and said there

**Meeting Place**  
**American Legion Hall Post 1**  
**5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado**  
**Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am**  
**\*\*\*\*INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN\*\*\*\***

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## Announcements Continued

were more than 900 in attendance. Don's wife, Joyce, was this year's 9-Health coordinator at the Augustana Lutheran Church event.

**Newsletter Mailing Group:** Dick Nickoloff shared that each week Dick Zolman and Jim Piccinelli have been meeting at Panera Bread, 4955 S. Ulster St. to prepare and mail hard copies of GUMS to those, approximately nine members, who do not use email. They have decided it is time to pass the torch to a new, yet to be named, group of volunteers. This takes about 2 hours weekly, usually over breakfast, or lunch. If this is of interesting to you, please contact Dick Nickoloff at 720-232-4721 for details.

**May Super Citizen & Korsoski Awards:** Robert Wardlaw said that May would be a busy month for the Super Citizen program, with seven programs, plus the awarding of eight Charles Korsoski Awards by the end of the school academic year. Check with Super Citizen Program Coordinator



Robert Wardlaw or the school coordinator for each school: Bradley International School, Randy Marcove; Hamilton Middle School, Tom Mauro; Holm Elementary School, Donlie Smith; Lowry Elementary School, Paul Stratton; McMeen Elementary School, Don Thomson; Most Precious Blood Catholic School, Gary Miller; Samuels Elementary School, Kent Gloor; and Slavens Elementary School, Tom Hoch.

Robert shared that at the end of each school's academic year the Charlie Korsoski Awards is presented; over the next few weeks, in the eight schools. Typically at a regular SC Program or at a Special Award Assembly. The award goes to each school's top Super Citizen of the Year. Those recipients are presented with a special framed certificate, a \$50 award, and have their name engraved and mounted on the school's Charlie Korsoski Awards plaque. Check the schedule and try to attend one of these programs, which recognizes the importance of good citizenship in building the leaders of tomorrow.



Pictured is Bradley's 2017 Korsoski award winner, Mallory Eggleston, with Randy Marcove & Jon Wachter.  
Photo John Oss

**CO-WY Junior Golf Program:** Optimist Junior Golf is alive and getting better, according to Joe Marci.

You can help raise funds by playing in a tournament to be held at the Broken Tee Golf Club in Englewood, Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and by buying a \$23 ticket to the Rockies game against the Dodgers on Sunday afternoon, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Proceeds from these events will help send 46 golfers to the Optimist Junior Golf International tournament in Coral Gables Florida. More information can be found by speaking with Bob Meyer or Joe Marci or visiting the CO-WY Optimist Junior Golf webpage at <https://>



[sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/fundraiser-information](https://sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/fundraiser-information).

**Robert Sullivan Scholarship Awards:** Randy Marcove shared, the Robert Sullivan Scholarship fund was established by Monaco South to honor Bob Sullivan who was an outstanding member of the club and president of the Thomas Jefferson High School booster club. This fund annually provides scholarships to deserving college-bound seniors from Thomas Jefferson High School. The fund accepts contributions and also raises funds from selling Rockies baseball tickets and Entertainment Books to club members and others.

Randy Marcove, Chairman of the Sullivan Scholarship selection committee, sent the following message to the Thomas Jefferson administrators:

*"I am pleased to inform you that our Robert Sullivan Scholarship Selection committee has awarded each the following students a \$1,000.00 scholarship in honor of Robert Sullivan, and in no particular order:*

- Leora Busse
- Ariel Shunneson
- Ariande Katsaris
- Dainelys Barreiro
- Cecelia Allen

*Congratulations to these outstanding students, their families, the entire staff of Thomas Jefferson High School, and Denver Scholarship for making this all happen!"*

Randy added that the winners and their families will be recognized at our meeting on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Weekly Drawing

We did have a drawing, but nobody won the big money. Sixty dollars (\$60) was on the line and the *King of Diamonds* was the card to draw. Both **Frank Middleton** and **Donna Hickey**, mother of one of our essay guests, Aidan Maloof, tried to draw, but were unsuccessful. Others, more conservative winners of "minimal money" were: **Mike White**, **Tom Mauro**, **Bob Avery**, **Wyatt McCallie**, **Paul Gibson**, and **Joe Marci**. Since the ever-present **Phil Perington** was not present when his name was drawn, **Dan Rodriguez** had the opportunity to win big, but no luck! *Seventy bucks next week!*



Guest Donna Hickey makes an attempt for the King of Diamonds—with no luck.  
Photo Noel Hasselgren

## Closing Creed



Photo Bob Avery

At the end of our meeting, the *Optimist Creed* was lead by **Ava Ward**, sister of first-place essay winner Sophia Ward, "*Promise yourself ....*"





## Monaco South Essay Contest

**Wyatt McCallie**, Chair of the MSOC essay contest for the 2017-2018 Optimist year explained, *“One of the three Optimist International scholarship contests is the Essay Contest, which is also one of the oldest of internationally sponsored Optimist Events. The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person’s personal experience, the experience of their country, or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship! The theme of the essay for this year was, Can Society Function Without Respect?”*



Wyatt McCallie, on left, listens to TJHS English teacher Lauren Palek talk about these essay contestants: Sophia Ward, Aidan Maloof, & Lucy Peterson. On right is MSOC president Jim Easton.

Photos Noel Hasselgren

Wyatt introduced the principal of Thomas Jefferson High School, **Michael Christoff**. Mike said he has been at TJ for eight years; six as Assistant Principal and the past two as Principal. He also said that TJ is one of the highest rated schools in Colorado and in the United States. He said he was proud of the contribution the students make to the community and thanked our club for providing role models for volunteerism.

Wyatt recognized **Jack Kleinheksel**, who headed the judging of the club contest this year and **Joe Marci**, who is Chairman of the CO-WY District Essay contest. He also thanked Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** for preparing the certificates awarded to the contestants.



TJHS principal  
Mike Christoff

Wyatt thanked **Lauren Palek**, who was instrumental in coordinating the essay contest within TJHS. Lauren is an English teacher and schools speech and debate coach.

The **third-place winner was Lucy Peterson**, who was accompanied by her mother Lisa Peterson.

**Second-place winner was Aidan Maloof**, along with his parents Donna Hickey and Peter Maloof and Aidan’s sister Erin Maloof.

The **first-place winner was Sophia Ward**, with her parents Erica Stetson and Kirk Ward and her sister, Ava Ward. Sophia read her winning essay and thanked the club for her award. All three contestants received a recognition certificate and a mug with the *Optimist Creed* on the back. See Sophia’s essay Attached to the GUMS distribution email.



First-place winner, Sophia Ward, between Wyatt McCallie & Jack Kleinheksel.

May Super Citizen Presenters		
May 4 @ 8:30	Slavens	Tom Hoch
May 10 @ 1:00	Lowry	?
May 15 @ 2:30	MPB	Dave Peck
May 18 @ 1:00	Samuels	Everett Gardner
May 24 @ 5:30	Hamilton	Harry Fegley
May 25 @ 8:20	Holm	?
May 29 @ 6:00	Bradley	?
May 30 @ 1:00	McMeen	?

Weekly Greeters	
5/4/18	Dave Peck & Paul Stratton
5/11/18	Jack Kleinheksel & Phil Perington
5/18/18	Jed Ziegenhagen & Greg Young
5/25/18	Pat Bush & Allen Malask

### Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41<sup>st</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976

See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

May 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Thomas Jefferson High School Sullivan Scholarship Winners
May 11	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Partners in Education Award for Excellence
May 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Respect for Law, First Responders Recognition
May 18	Fri	3:00 pm	Colfax Marathon Registration Support, Mile High Stadium, 1701 Bryant St.
May 23	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove’s, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
May 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
June 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

**Past Presidents of the  
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

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Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Cy Regan	1999-00
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	2002-03
John Young	1982-83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Phil Perington	2008-09
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	2012-13
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
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**NEWSLETTER EDITORS:** May **Robert Wardlaw**, June **Pat Bush**, July **Paul Stratton**

**THE OPTIMIST CREED — Promise Yourself . . .**

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.