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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Serving Youth and the Community for 40 Years
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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw



Good Morning Optimist

The sunrise is amazing this beautiful morning as we walk in to the American Legion Hall. **Perry Allen** and **Frank Middleton**, are our greeters this morning, with Frank doing double duty, as he is handing out cards to members—it is Camaraderie Day!



Photos Noel Hasselgren

Editor, it should be noted based on our Optimist International charter date, July 20, 1976, this is the first meeting in our forty-first year of serving kids and the community.

District Number 25 (COWY)
Colorado - Wyoming
Club Number 25164
Club Name: Denver-Monaco South, Co
Date Chartered: July 20, 1976
Club President: Craig C. Eley
City, State/Province, Country (Language):
Denver, Colorado, United States (English)
Meeting Location:
American Legion Hall Lcw Post #1
Every Friday of each Month at 7:00 am
note: Be there Fri 6:45 am for breakfast
Sponsored by:
Club Number 25120 - Denver-Happy Canyon, Co
Club's Web Page:
<http://www.monacosouth.org>

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

As Vice President **Mike McMahon** and president-elect **Jim Easton** strategize on the mornings agenda, with insights from former president **Mark Metevia**, Mike rings the rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. and calls the meeting to order.



Barry Barker reads the invocation this morning asking us to develop the Optimist

Creed as the tenants for our lives. Barry then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Guests

Frank Middleton introduces **James Dockter**, a Denver native, who serves as Frontier District Director for Boy Scouts of America, Denver Area Council. James tells us he has been in scouting programs for 25 years.

Jon Oss introduces **Brian Miller**, a good friend from St. Cloud, Minnesota. The largest population center in state's central region.

Welcome James and Brian!

Happy Birthday Monaco South

In light of the clubs 40th anniversary, Mike leads the assembled members in our own "Birthday Song." As was said by many, it could not have been better!

President Craig's Report

Your President is not just lollygagging in Scandinavia during July. Here he is in Bergen, Norway, tracking down the heritage of one of our charter members.



Here he is standing in front of Sørensen Tobakk, which has been in operation since 1905 and is the city's only specialist tobacco retailer. Craig says, "I have smelled hints of Colorado's herb on the streets of various cities. Makes me a little homesick!"

Let the Camaraderie Begin



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

CO-WY 2017 Convention: Paul Simon takes the microphone. He invites all incoming members of the 2016-17 and 2017-18 boards to stand up. He then suggest that they need to participate in the District Convention at the Doubletree Hotel, Breckenridge, CO. He says, the event is a terrific way to learn how the club officers should work. The agenda and registration form can be found on the [CO-WY Webpage](#).

Rockies Game to Support Jr. Golf: Joe Marci

says, for those who are Rockies fans, he has 100 tickets for the Sunday, August 20th game. Rockies vs. Milwaukee Brewers.

He then shares that **Barry Barker** will be in Palm Beach, Florida next week for the Junior Golf Championships, while **Bob Meyer** is their now with our CO-WY golfers. The District sponsored 60 kids for this years event and has the largest contingency to participate. Typically more than 600 international golfers compete in this annual event.

Rockies Handout Day: Michael Chavez

reported everyone had a great time handing out Fire Hats at the Rockies Game last week. Help was supplied by T1DOC, Tamarac, Englewood, and Gateway Club members. From Monaco South were **Bryce Slaby, John Greene, Joe Marci, Russ Paul, Dick Nickoloff, Jon Wachter, Randy Marcove, and Phil Perington**, along with Michael.



Photos Jon Wachter & Michael Chavez



Update on Oscar Sorensen: Tom Mauro reports that **Oscar Sorensen** is doing much better, if any of you checked up on him, he is now walking up to a mile. Tom recaps his recent foray in NYC with his grandkids. Give him a call at 303-870-4493.



South by Southeast Event: Greg Young

reminded us that Councilwoman **Kendra Black**, is still looking for volunteers for her "South by Southeast" event, which will be held

at Bible Park on Saturday, August 19, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Billed as "a celebration of local food, music, and community," this should be one of the highlights of the summer in Southeast Denver. Volunteers will be working three-hour shifts, providing directions to the event participants, and helping with making this a successful event. See Greg and get your name on his sign-up sheet. If you plan to attend, see the **GUMS** distribution email for details.

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Paul Bernard reminded us that the Brent's Place pancake breakfast is next weekend. If you have already signed up and your email address in the directory is correct, Paul will contact you that way for further details.

Palisade Peaches: Dr. Bob Finkelmeier announced "The peaches are coming; the peaches are coming!!" Same price as last year \$30. However, this year's peach delivery date is yet unknown. There will likely be a small crop this year, and Palisade peaches are in high demand due to severe early spring weather. Sign up now, call or email him. He will keep us informed on deliver dates.



CCOCC News: Phil Perington and Dave Peck shared that their involvement with the American Legion's car show was successful and that the club's website is up at <https://optimistcars.com/>.



Photo Paul Simon

In attendance from left, **Allen Yockey, Eldon Strong**, unidentified, **Dave Peck, Al Gapuzan, Mark Metevia, Phil Perington, Allen Malask, and Scott Walker**.



Photos Allen Yockey



Drawing

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$70 in the pot. The lucky card is the "8 of Hearts." **George Buzick** draws a card, but comes up empty handed. **Jon Wachter** and **Allen Yockey** takes a cup, while **Wyatt McCallie** takes a card, and he too comes up empty handed. All the others **Dick Nickoloff**, **Jack Kleinhessel**, **Jon Stoffel**, and **Dick Nickoloff**, yep a two-time winner, again have to take a cup.



However for the Wearing your name tag drawing, **John Oss'** name was drawn out of the jug, and came up a big winner, as shown in this picture.



Photo Noel Hasselgren

Closing Creed

As we end the meeting **Barry Barker** leads us in the pledge, *Promise yourself...*

From District 3

Denver Police Department District 3 community officer Mike Borquez posted in Hampden South Neighbors, "We have seen great successes in your neighborhood with decreasing vehicle break-in's, but we want to remind everyone it only takes a few seconds for a thief to steal your belongings or even steal your vehicle.

Officers continue to provide focused patrols in your neighborhood. During those patrols officers checked vehicle doors, and looked for vehicles with valuables in plain view, and we are still noticing several vehicles left unlocked, which are a prime target for thieves. In addition, we noticed several vehicles with valuables just sitting waiting for thieves. So here are some helpful tips to protect yourself and help reduce theft in Denver.

- ♦ Always lock your car. Thieves simply go from car to car checking for unlocked doors as easy targets.
- ♦ Remove valuables from your vehicle: wallet/purse, backpacks, cell phones, GPS devices, iPods, other electronics, cash/change from your ash trays. If you cannot remove the items, lock them in your trunk. While at home, also remove your garage door opener.

- ♦ Never hide extra keys inside your vehicle. Spare keys and valet keys inside your car make it easy for thieves to drive away.
- ♦ Roll-up your windows. Even the smallest openings are an invitation for theft.
- ♦ Park in areas that are well lit and highly visible. This includes when you are parked in your driveway or in front of your home.
- ♦ Consider installing and using a car alarm.

Jason Ganahl

The Maestro of Meat, GQue Championship BBQ who spoke to us on June 2, 2017, has been recognized as one of the top 29 grill master's in the United States.

The list includes 29 barbecue joints across the nation. It's not a list the magazine takes lightly either. Affiliates of National Barbecue News ([website here](http://www.nationalbarbecue.com)), a Douglas, Georgia-based magazine focused on barbecue recipes, techniques and product reviews, visits hundreds of restaurants and conduct a taste test without the restaurant staff's knowledge.

"When we were notified that we won this award, we were blown away," said Jason Ganahl, owner of GQue Championship BBQ. "There are great places in Denver that are making excellent barbecue."

The restaurants, awarded the honor in June, will be allowed to keep the honor for 12 months. At the end of the 12-month period, they'll be retested to see if they can keep a place on the list.



By Caitlin Hendee, digital producer and social engagement manager for the *Denver Business Journal*.

Weekly Greeters

7/28/18	Dick Zolman & Mystery Greeter
7/30/17	John Young & Robert Wardlaw
8/4/17	Tom Mario & Jon Wachter
8/11/17	Ken Duffy & Cy Regan

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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

July 26 Wed 6:30 pm OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
 July 28 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Harry Fegley, Exploring Bhutan
 July 29 Sat 7:00 am Pancake Breakfast for Brent's Place Kids
 Aug 4 Fri 7:00 am Meeting, Legion Hall: Lynn Wells, Co-Director, The Academy for Lifelong Learning
 Aug 5 Sat 6:30 am March of Dimes Mudd Volleyball parking project, Majestic Commerce Center

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Tom Overton	1996-97
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Cy Regan	1999-00
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Don St. John	2001-02
John Young	1982-83	Jack Rife	2002-03
Pat Bush	1983-84	Karl Geil	2003-04
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Greg Young	2007-08
Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Phil Perington	2008-09
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Walters	1991-92	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Paul Simon	2012-13
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	Michael Chavez	2015-16

2015 - 2016 Officers

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Paul Stratton	303-474-4358
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Michael Chavez (Past Pres.)	303-960-5304

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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.