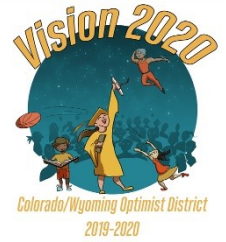




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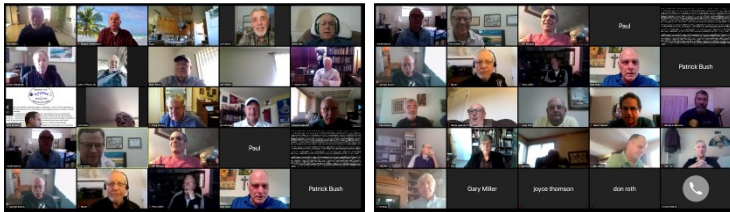
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Editor for this Issue—Phil Perington

Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting



On this virtual “Good Friday” meeting our up close and personal Greeters were out of operation due to the “stay-in-place” orders. However, **Mark Metevia**, seen with his puppy dog frolicking in the background, stepped forward to be our welcome guy. There was no breakfast buffet, but lots of coffee mugs appeared on the screen.



First Bell

President **Bob Meyer** gavelled the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. sharp. The Zoom screen was filled with lots of smiling member’s faces. **Bob Avery** taking attendance decided against taking a roll call, but a few of the members who had just called in had to be identified by a telephone number check.



There was plenty of good-natured banter back and forth and the meeting energetically rolled out of the station. The Pledge of Allegiance and morning Invocation commenced as Prez Bob, did it all.

Announcements

Club Sponsored Blood Drive: **Bob Meyer** reported he has looked into lining up a blood drive and is looking for other groups to get involved. He suggested holding it the American Legion Hall’s parking lot so he reaching out to them as well as others. Steven Hick mentioned he is on the University Perk Neighborhood Association Board and possibly he could get folks in the area involved as well. Timing for the event will be after the “stay-in-place” orders are removed and the availability of the Vitalent, the company that Denver’s Belle Bonfils Blood Center, mobile unity is available, possible in late May of June.

Board Nominations: **Joe Marci** asked everyone interested in being a club officer or board member next year, Octo-

ber 2020 to September 2021 to submit their nominations to him as soon as possible. The Club needs a president and four directors. The president elect then appoints a treasurer and secretary. The election is scheduled for Friday, April 17th.

Dine-A-Day Program: **Perry Allen** reminded everyone that even with COVID-19 the Dime-A-Day program is still accepting donations and to please send a check or money order payable to Optimist International Foundation (OIF) for \$36.50 or more if you so desire directly to him. He also shared he will be picking up a 1960 Rolls Royce and delivering it to his employer in Evergreen today. More on that later.

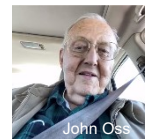
King Soopers Fundraiser: **Frank Middleton** suggested everyone make more purchases at King Soopers using your reward card. He also noted it is possible to call 303-576-4377 anytime and get involved in their new rewards program. All it takes is getting your car linked to OCMS-Denver, #WA161.



Don St. John OIF Remembrance: **Greg Young** announced he has received five donations for Don St. John made payable to the OI Foundation. We are also honoring Don with a Banner Patch as well, the Club will donate \$100 to OIF and, any person wanting to match or add to the fund should please participate as well. So far **Jim Easton**, **Michael Chavez**, **Tom Kramis**, and **Phil Perington** each got the ball rolling with a commitment.

Super Citizen Schools: **Bob Finkelmeier** announced that with schools being online for the rest of the school year, he will be emailing Super Citizen School’s administration requesting if they would like to continue handing out recognition certificates and the name of the their 5th grade recipient for the Charlie Korsoski award. SC representatives will be copied and should encourage schools to support this program.

John Oss in Attendance: It was recognized that **John Oss** was in attendance appearing to sitting in his car. John shared, he was happy and relieved to share the good new news that his cancer treatment have actually been a giant blessing. He has learned how grateful we all should all be for the caregivers, doctors, nurses, volunteers, and contributors giving of themselves to the battle against COVID-19.

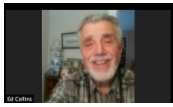


Make a Call to a Member: **Bob Avery** suggested that we should contact any member you might think of in need of an Optimistic Good Cheer. Several names were mentioned.

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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******

Online Zoom Humor



Ed Collins, upon closer Zoom screen examination, appeared to be hypnotized. Turned out it was a still photo with a row of numbers across the bottom. Ed actually logged in twice, saying he wanted to hear in stereo.

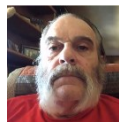
Tom Hoch, aka Papa, standing in for **Bryce Slaby** told a joke about a man's wife who had recently moved to North Dakota to start a dairy farm and hired a hitchhiker to help her along the way. Tom was cautious on what he said, since he was sitting in his kitchen and his wife Laura was making ready for Easter.



It was rumored **Tom Kramis** came home with an ex-Playboy Bunny and it appeared as though he was looking for pictures. No report on how they got home or what happened later. However, your **GUMS** editor this month, **Phil Perington**, seemed to be in the know as he pulled his notes together.



When the subject of everything being closed because of the virus pandemic, including barbershops, our resident ski instructor and book dealer, **Tom Glazer** was complemented for his new look.



Speaking of barbershops being closed, **Paul Stratton** had to reveal his attempt to cut his son Luke's hair. We are sure Luke will be ready to have his class picture taken with this new hair style and cut.



Zoom Assistance

If you are missing Zoom meetings because you are not familiar with how to use this application, SEE *"Getting Started on Windows and Mac,"* at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac>.

Thank You Denver Public Schools Foundation

Last week Prez Bob Meyer mentioned the Club's donation to the DPS Foundation. Below is the thank you note the Club received.

Hello Optimist Club of Monaco South,

As a proud board member of the Denver Public Schools Foundation, I would like to personally thank you all for your lovely gift to the DPS Foundation. Supporting the Food Security Fund, helps to provide meals for adults in need during this very challenging time. Already we've been hearing from DPS principals at school meal sites, who keep sharing with us just how much these Grab-and-Go bags mean to vulnerable families. Again, thank you for making a huge difference during these uncertain times.

We'll be sure to update you on the impact of your gift with stories via email and on our social media channels. If you have any questions about the DPS Foundation or Food Security Fund or simply would like to chat, our team is always happy to reach out to you personally.

Thank you so very much for your gift. We hope you and your families all stay healthy and safe!

With gratitude,

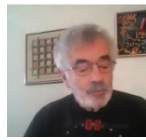
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Highlights Mid-20th Century Popular Music

Paul Simon extends an invitation MSOC members to join his online course called "Highlights of Mid-20th Century Popular Music," that will take place online from 1-3 p.m. for 8 Tuesdays starting April 21st. It is offered through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), a non-profit unit of the University of Denver, which cancelled its Spring term because of the coronavirus and has built a new online pro-



gram. Paul has two co-facilitators for this course, which will explore folk, blues, folk-rock, and other genres of music in the 1940, 50s, and 60s. The classes normally limited to OLLI members have been opened to friends and family of facilitators and managers because of online capabilities (Zoom). Go to portfolio.du.edu/ollionline to see the catalog and to register for his class and others of interest. The course fees are about \$4.50 an hour and can be seen when you go to online registration. Paul manages OLLI East in Aurora and has facilitated courses in the last year on '60s Music, Current Events, and the British Royal Navy during the Napoleonic War. Registration will close on April 17th.

The Optimist Creed Shared by George Buzick

Most active Optimist members know the first ten tenets of *"The Optimist Creed."* But did you know that the original had twelve, not ten verses? Written by Christian D. Larson, a prolific writer of the early 1900's. *"Promise Yourself,"* first appeared in 1912 in a book entitled *"Your Forces and How to Use Them."*

For some unknown reason, newspaper, and magazine editors across America frequently omitted the last two lines of *"Promise Yourself,"* as well as the author's name. Which is why Jim Westervelt, Secretary/Treasurer of the Optimist Club of Los Angeles published the 10-tenet version of *"Promise Yourself"* in the club newsletter in 1919. Members of the club liked the inspirational poem so much that they began reciting it at each of their meetings.

At the 1922 Optimist Convention in Kansas City, delegates adopted *"Promise Yourself"* as the official Creed of The Optimist Club. Since that time, this version has been known as *"The Optimist Creed,"* even though no one knew who had originally written it.

Members of the Los Angeles Optimist Club later discovered that Christian Larson was the author and also found out about the additional verses. Mr. Larson was contacted and graciously gave the Optimist Club permission to use the 10-verse version of *"Promise Yourself"* as The Optimist Creed.

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 your friends feel that there is something worthwhile 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 a smile to every living creature you meet.
- 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 to happy to permit the presence of trouble.

The following words were a part of the original *"Promise Yourself"* by Christian Larson, but not included in the *"Optimist Creed."*

- To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words, but in great deed.
- To live in the faith that the whole world is on your side, so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

In Remembrance of Don St. John Paul Simon, past president, 2012-2013

Paul Simon presented a video of **Don St. John Day**, held July 26, 2013.



The recognition started with beekeeper **Craig Eley's** introduction of having **John Young** tasting his bottled honey. This was followed by Craig also asking Don to take part in the tasting. This then was turned into a complete presentation with a Don St. John Day poster, bring Don's wife and favorite honey Char into the room, followed by his family. Hugs and kisses ruled the moment. Past Governor **Joe Priester** and **Frank Ross** helped Paul unfurl a giant banner commemorating the day. Cheers and hoorah filled the room including a rousing version of "For he's a jolly good fellow!" A large cadre of family members came forward and grandson J.R. Gieck shared a couple of touching and good-natured stories.

The whole shindig closed with an original musical score, "That's Don St. John." A whimsical song and of wisdom provided by **Randy Marcove, Cy Regan, Al Gapuzan, John Young, and Craig Eley**. On the piano was **Claire Young** in perfect rhythm and style.

Editors Note: Don was sitting back and watching in amazement.

The videos can be seen in a [Dropbox](#) folder provided by Paul. You will need to Sign-in or create a free Dropbox account.

Video #1 [Click Here](#) and Video #2 [Click Here](#)

Tom Glazier commented after the video, how moved he was by the event, and as a new member it had anchored his belief in why he had joined the Club. A big shout out to everyone who participated.



Follow Up on J.R.

Mark Metevia shared this email with **GUMS** yesterday.

"Hello Dr. Bob, I did get a hold of JR (Jeffreyson) GIECK yesterday so if you want to note it in the newsletter he is still working for the State as an IT programmer, justifying data bases and the like. Living in Brighton. We had a long talk about grandfather Don and a lot of things. Notably that we reviewed the Don St. John video clips during the Friday Zoom meeting. He said he would like a copy as he does not

have one and I assured him that Paul would send that over.

He did not know that Dan was my rookie of the year when I was president and seemed happy about that Don was my rookie of the year when I was president and seemed happy to hear that. His big news was Jennifer is expecting their first baby in June."

The Perry Allen Trip



Bob, I had to leave the meeting early, but I mentioned that I was going to pick up a 1960 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud to deliver to Evergreen, and someone said ... send me a picture. Don't know who, but in case you want to show it in this weeks GUMS, here it is.

Note: The Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud is a luxury automobile produced by Rolls-Royce Limited from April 1955 to March 1966. It was the core model of the Rolls-Royce range during that period. The Silver Cloud replaced the Silver Dawn and was, in turn, replaced by the Silver Shadow. The J. P. Blatchley design was a major change from the pre-war models and the highly derivative Silver Dawn. As part of a range rationalization the Bentley S1 is very similar, apart from its radiator grille.



On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt

Thank you to **Pat Bush, Mike White, and Paul Stratton** for participating and getting the right answer to last week's INCORRECT trivia Question.

The question was: *What year was John Elway drafted by the Broncos?* As the respondents noted, John Elway was never drafted by the Broncos. He was drafted by Baltimore and traded to the Broncos in 1983. This is what happens when you have an New Englander make up these questions.

We would like to have more people participate, so we will be providing a hint with the questions.

This week's trivia question is: What year did Colorado become a state? (Hint: what is Colorado's nickname, which is also a name of a nearby town?)



Baseball Quote

"There are 108 beads in a Catholic rosary and 108 stitches in a baseball. When I heard that, I gave Jesus a chance." - Annie Savoy, in "Bull Durham"



Weekly Greeters

4/17/20	In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.
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Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Due to the need to be cautious during the CONVID-19 outbreak, meetings are virtual until at least May 1st. Please check back for updates.

Apr 10	Fri	10:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Apr 16	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Apr 17	Fri	10:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting, 2020-2021 Officer Election
Apr 21	Tue	2:00 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood Canceled
Apr 24	Fri	10:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
May 1	Fri	10:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
May 2	Sat	7:30 am	History Day State Contest: To be held virtually in June 2020
May 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: To Be Determined
May 8	Fri	8:10 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary Canceled

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Past Presidents

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Stan Cohen	2000-01	Paul Simon	2012-13
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Bob Avery	1989-90	Don St. John	2001-02	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Jack Rife	2002-03	John Oss	2014-15
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Bill Walters	1991-92	Karl Geil	2003-04	Michael Chavez	2015-16
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Kent Gloor	1992-93	Bryce Slaby	2004-05	Craig Eley	2016-17
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	Donlie Smith	2005-06	Jim Easton	2017-18
John Young	1982-83	Mark Metevia	1994-95	Paul Bernard	2006-07	Everett Gardner	2018-19
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bob Safe	1995-96	Greg Young	2007-08		
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Tom Overton	1996-97	Phil Perington	2008-09		
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Peter Dimond	1997-98	Ron Cisco	2009-10		
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Ralph Symalla	1998-99	Ed Collins	2010-11		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

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NEWSLETTER EDITORS: May **George Buzick**, June **Robert Wardlaw**, July **Pat Bush**

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