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Good Morning Optimists

The 12th of April “thundersnow weather” roared in to



John Young & Allen Malask
Photos Noel Hasselgren

our Friday, with a cold and overcast day! Our greeters this morning are **John Young** and **Allen Malask**.

Also, greeting us with a new April 2019 membership roster, is past Prez **Craig Eley**.



Craig Eley

Craig and Tom Mauro do a yeoman's job of pulling the directory together every six-months. Assist them in keeping it up to date by sharing corrections, changes of addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, please let either of them know.



First Bell, Invocation, & Pledge

President **Everett Gardner** rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. **Karl Geil** is asked to read the invocation today. *“Oh God of Joy with all the travails of life, the problems we face every day, and the woes of the world, how is it possible to wear a cheerful countenance at all times? How can we give every living creature a smile? Please inspire us to recall that, despite our troubles, every day is a precious gift from you, in which we should be glad. If we can only remember this, we cannot help but wear a cheerful countenance at all times.”* Karl then leads us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

Camaraderie

With some early morning camaraderie, **Prez Everett** calls for announcements.

Pictured at left, Steve Kady, Frank Middleton, Everett Gardner, Paul Gibson, and John Stoffel.



Announcements

New Directory & Rockies: **Tom Mauro** announces that the new directory has arrived. And then shares that the Colorado Rockies are struggling. Tom also tells us that Destination Imagination, a problem solving competition from kindergarten through high school age. Destination Imagination (DI) is a global educational nonprofit dedicated to inspiring the next generation of innovators, leaders and creative problem solvers. Tom has two grandchildren that participate and have learned so much. This year the finals are in Kansas City. Learn more @ www.destinationimagination.org/

Denver Tech Center Optimist Wine Tasting: **Tom Overton** reports that the DTC Optimist Club had their wine tasting event last week, all had a great time.

Lowry Elementary Garden Project: **Paul Stratton** announces a volunteer opportunity for Lowry Elementary, one of our Super Citizen Schools. On May 18, 2019 from 8:30-12:30, Lowry will be hosting a Community Volunteer Day to renew their outdoor garden spaces. They are hoping to gather 40 or more people to pull weeds, lay mulch, and refresh pathways. Staff from Singing Hills Landscape will be volunteering their time and bringing tools and materials to support the effort. Many hands make light work and they hope-

2019-2020 Club Officer Nominations

Currently the slate of nominees are:

President — **Bob Meyer**

Vice President — **Steve Kady & Dan Rodriguez**

Board (elect 4) — **Allen Malask, Perry Allen, Mark Smith, & Bill Morgan**

The election will be held on Friday, April 19, 2019 at the Club's regular membership meeting at 7:00 a.m. at the American Legion Hall, 5400 E. Yale Avenue, Denver, CO.

Members may nominate others or themselves by contacting **Joe Marci** (jmarci899@gmail.com)

Nominations cannot be made after Friday, April 12, 2019, and from the floor during the election meeting.

Coming off of the Board of Directors are: **Ken Duffy, Robert Wardlaw, Tom Kramis, & Tom Glazier** (who replace **Harry Arkin**, upon his death). When **James Dockter** moving away, **Tracy Sorensen**, was appointed by the president at the February Board Meeting.

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

that Monaco South Optimist Club members will consider joining to work together to provide unique learning spaces for students. Contact Paul or Lisa Davis, the School Garden Coordinator/Parent Volunteer. Her phone number is 303-250-5769 and email li-sa@denverdavis.com.

Colorado Rockies Tickets & Sullivan Awards:

Joe Marci has tickets for Rockies that support Junior Golf. Joe has 150 Rockies tickets on hand for those interested. The games he has are April 21st and May 26th. Tickets are 3rd level above home plate for \$23 and 1st level by 3rd base for \$43. Windsor Gardens Optimist Club took 40 tickets.

Joe also reports that the club has received 15 applicants for the Sullivan Scholarships from Thomas Jefferson High School. Sharing that **Bob Sullivan** was past president of Monaco South and also president of the Booster Club at TJ High School. Joe and Bob worked together to start this Booster club when they both had children attending TJHS.

Regional Oratorical Contest: Michael Chavez

announced that the Regional Oratorical Contest will be Saturday, April 13th at Heather Gardens Country Club.

Bradley Elementary JOY Club: Jon Wachter

shared that the Bradley Elementary JOY Club, made up of 5th graders, have started a "Spark Change program" so he is asking members to bring in spare change for this project, as they look to raise money for this program. The Bradley school will be taking part in the Know Brainer coming up on the 27th. Remember, bring pocket change for the JOY Club program next week and give to Jon.

Member Updates: Dick Nick-

loff formally says welcome back to **Oscar Sorenson**. Oscar has recently had a medical situation and a rehab stay over the past month. *Welcome back Oscar!*



Frank Middleton talked with **Paul Bernard** recently



as he recovers from spinal surgery. Paul is home from his hospital stay and hopes to be back to our meeting next week. *We look forward to seeing you, Paul!*

Dime-A-Day Program: Perry Allen, our Dime-A-

Day crusader, reiterated his offer to match anyone contributing at least \$365

to the OI Foundation with his own contribution of \$36.50, up to 10 times. So far he has had two members make the \$365 donation. Should you like to make a contribution complete the Dime-A-Day form attached to GUMS distribution email and give the form and your check of \$36.50 to Perry.



Dime-A-Day



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Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

Hey Gang,

PAST ... A round of applause for our guest speaker Ryan McCullough for enlightening us on Pack 8023 on their progress in the Stapleton area. It's very interesting on age group expansion down to Kindergarten (thanks Bob Avery for the in-depth clarification). In this day and age of child overstimulation and having them all activities under the sun, families need to start kids into Scouting early in hopes that they develop a continuing interest. My mother was a Den Leader (besides being a teacher), sponsored many activities so as we could earn the pins. Her interest and encouragement probably came from Granddad Bert (her Dad), whom was awarded the Silver Beaver as I had previously mentioned. And per Ryan, the annual campout was the most popular activity of the year. I didn't get to do that until Boy Scouts. Interesting show of hands that 90% + of us were in some level of Scouting and again kudos to our Eagle Scout members!

Frank Middleton, you and I need to help push the Samuels kids to get the Pack started. Maybe we can do it through the School Garden parents, as I meet a lot of them when I'm tending my plot. BTW, the tulips are up, and I need to check to see if they have popped up the flower stem yet. The ones at the house have. I think Joe Marci has them on one corner of his house ... what's their status Joe?

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... Rockies Game on Easter ("Now that the season is over" quoted Tom M) Get your tickets from Joe Marci. I know its Easter but why not think out of the box and do something different like Baseball after the early morning Egg Hunt.

Don't forget it adds to funding the 64 Junior Golfers that we are sponsoring this year with a \$5K shortfall.

FUTURE ... Board Meeting this Thursday is at the Schlessman Family YMCA, Koelbel Community Room, 3901 E. Yale Ave. All member's are invited and if you have anything to bring to the board, let me know by Tuesday, April 16 for agenda inclusion.

3rd Quarter Conference is only 2 weeks away!! Saturday, April 27, 8:30-3:30 at Bethany Lutheran. Registration Deadline is Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

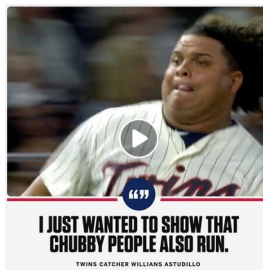
Goal - 100 People Registered for 3rd Quarter in honor of OI Centennial Year !

Prez Everett

PS — Bring a GUEST next week Follow-up on new contacts! I had an appointment (follow-up back issue) with Dr. Ben Marshall who I invited to speak and was at our Christmas White Elephant Exchange. He fondly remembers how you all were a warm and friendly bunch and he said he'll be back. April Goal; 6 Guests per meeting.

Friday Baseball

"I wanted to show that chubby people can also run" says Williams Astudillo, aka La Tortoga the Turtle.



"Hoping you can open the video; it's a beauty. Suffice it to say if I were the catcher, I wouldn't even think about blocking the plate. Called up early this season, he's hitting .348 for the Twinkies."

See <https://www.facebook.com/ESPN/videos/258753198111076/>

By Matt Monagan and Jarrod Denney / MLB.com

Ryan McCullough Cub Scout Pack 8023



Frank Middleton introduces our speaker this morning, **Ryan McCullough**, pack leader for Cub Scout Pack 8023, Northfield Stapleton Neighborhood. Ryan highlights the Packs activities with a PowerPoint presentation—[Click Here](#). The OCMS assisted in chartering this Cub Scout Pack a few years ago.



Ryan McCullough
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Ryan explains that in Pack 8023 there are currently 28 kids, ranging in age from kindergarten to 3rd grade. The pack draws from four elementary schools in the Stapleton area.

Ryan whose day job is as a consultant, has three boys ages 3, 5, and 7 with his wife

Michelle. He is originally from Ohio and has in Colorado for 4 years. The troop was founded by parents who thought their boys and girls would benefit from the scout experience, two-years ago. Currently there are 28 kids in the pack, kindergarten through 3rd Grade. The entire pack meets once a month at High Tech Elementary. All Pack Leaders are Parent Volunteers.



How cub Scouts Work: Cub Scouting is part of the Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America, available to boys and girls from kindergarten through fifth grade, or 5 to 10 years of age and their families. The Cub Scouts four aims of Scouting are citizenship, character, personal fitness, and leadership. The methods of Cub Scouting are living the ideals, belonging to a den, advancement, family involvement,

activities, serving the community, and the uniform.

The Pack is organized into Dens by Rank based on age:

- ◇ Lion (5/6 years old or Kindergarten)
- ◇ Tiger (7 years old or 1st Grad)
- ◇ Wolf (8 years old or 2nd Grade)
- ◇ Bear (9years old or 3rd grade)
- ◇ Webelos (10 years old or 4th or 5th grades)

At the age of 11 Cub Scouts then become "Boy Scouts" through middle and high school.

The Pack's service projects have included:

- ◇ Colorado Feeding Kids where the scouts put together lunches for local kids.
- ◇ Weeding at High Tech Elementary
- ◇ Trash pickup at park

Some of the pack meeting activities include fire making, catapult building challenge, and pinewood track car racing. An indoor campout was held in January, at Boy Scouts' Colorado Adventure Point facility. Plus a hike at Bluff Lake located in the Stapleton neighborhood.

Other events include popcorn sales – encourage kids to go out to sell door-to-door with a guardian, that helps kids to build character, speaking in public. A picnics, and outdoor camping at Bear Creek State Park.

A special thank you to **Frank Middleton** and **Michael Chavez** for joining the group activities and monthly meetings. The reason the pack was created was that existing packs were so far away; it was a trek. This is a young pack, that had a group of parents who wanted to have a local group.



Pack 8023 Cub Scouts put together lunches for local kids.

Do We Have a Drawing?

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$70 in the pot and the lucky card is the King of Spades. Members holding tickets this morning are **Randy Marcove**, **Peter Dimond**, **Tom Mauro** draws a card, **Perry Allen**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Ron Gustas**, **John Stoffel**, **Jack Kleinheksel** again and **Allen Malask**.



President Everett draws a name out of the jar, **John Young's** name is called. No luck this time drawing the winning card! The pot continues to grow.

Ski-a-Thon at A Basin

Tom Kramis reports that he and **Tom Glazier** participated in a Ski-a-Thon on Friday at A Basin to raise \$\$\$ for community cancer patients under the team name of "Tiger Tom's."

We skied until we couldn't ski anymore. Luckily we both survived and did not need help home from the bar on the hill.



Weekly Greeters

4/19/19

Bill Blunden & Bob Avery

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Apr 18	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale Ave., 2 nd floor, Community Room
Apr 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: OCMS Election of New Officers & Camaraderie Day
Apr 20	Sat	3:15 pm	Rockies Handouts, Coors Field-Employee Entrance
Apr 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TJHS Students
Apr 27	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 3rd Quarter Conference, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave
Apr 27	Sat	2:00 pm	Communication Contest, Deaf & Hard of Hearing, Bethany Lutheran Church
Apr 27	Sat	7:00 am	Know Brainer Competition, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.
May 3	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TJHS Students
May 4	Sat	7:30 am	Colorado History Day Contest, University of Colorado Denver, 1201 Larimer St.
May 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: East HS National Constitutional Scholars
May 16	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level

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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		
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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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.