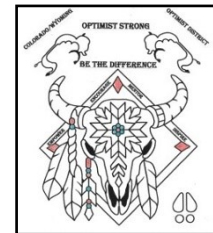




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Good Moring Optimist

Everyone has heard of triskaidekaphobia and knows that it is the fear or avoidance of the number 13, but did you know about *paraskevidekatriaphobic*, which is fear of Friday the 13th. Be afraid. Be very afraid. Today is Friday the 13th, and as they said on The Mickey Mouse Club, "It's anything can happen day!"



Our Greeters

A skiff of snow and a little bit of a chill did not stop the Monaco South Optimist crew from their appointed rounds, that is, **Camaraderie Day**. Members were greeted by **Joe** (father of the tree lot) **Marci** and the ever effervescent **Noel** (Mr. photographer) **Hasselgren**, who was not even on the schedule and in the absence of **Frank Middleton**, were able to sit wherever they pleased. This made it a little easier on **Ron Gustas**, who was filling in for **Bob Avery** as Attendance Recorder, as everyone sat in their "regular place."



Joe Marci without Noel Hasselgren who was taken the picture.

Morning Conversations & Chitter-Chatter

Greg Hurd decided to sit with **Phil Perington** and have an interesting conversation about ... no, not about trains, but about bull snakes in Estes Park. If you are interested, you will have to check with Greg.

Mike Mahon shared with **Greg Young** that Mike's son Max is participating on a swim team, even though he wears an insulin pump because of his diabetes. The marvels of modern medicine! A close to home reason to help support the JDRF and the Type1 Diabetes Optimist Club (T1DOC), of which our own **Ron Gustas** is President.

Invocation & Pledge

The Invocation was given by **Barry Barker**, in honor of his move to Tucson. Barry's wife, Jamie, is being transferred to Tucson, Arizona and Barry is following

along. Talk about quick moves! By the time you come to the meeting next Friday, Barry will have already moved to Tucson! Barry's great sense of humor and his work ethic—think about the "Christmas tree lot," will be greatly missed. Thanks for sharing a part of your life with us and good luck in Arizona to both of you.



Barry Barker

Guests

Steve Kady did another one of his kidnapping of McDonald's customers and brought his longtime friend, **Bob Fry**. Bob recently retired from the Denver Police Department Crime Scene Unit, having been on the force since 1975. Hopefully, we will see Bob at our future meetings.

Jed Ziegenhagen, who attended last week as a guest of **Harry Arkin**, is back again with application and check in hand. We look forward to getting to know Jed. Maybe he can give us a program on what a Deputy Medicaid Director for Long-Term Services and Supports for the State of Colorado does. Welcome Jed!

Announcements

Aurora Optimist Club: **Russ Dennis**, President of the Difference Makers of Aurora Optimist Club, invited us to join them in a celebration of their chartering anniversary at Mimi's Café at 205 S. Abilene Street at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16th. Russ, told us the Makers of Aurora Optimist Club was chartered in April of 2016.

3rd Quarter CO-WY District Meeting: **Greg Young** reminded us of the 3rd Quarter meeting on Saturday, April 28 will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden Ave. The club will pay \$25 toward the registration fee, which includes breakfast and lunch. Just give him a copy of your registration. You can register and pay online at the district website optimistcowy.org. Included in the program will be the championship round of the Optimist Oratorical Contest. Winner gets a \$1,500 scholarship and a chance to participate at the International Contest for even more scholarship mon-

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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******

Announcements Continued

ney. Finals of the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) will also be held.

Club Meeting Breakfast & Coffee: **Greg Young** also reminded us that, although the breakfast at the meeting is delicious, it is not free. Neither is the coffee. Please pay before you eat or drink. Remember too, that we have a minimum guarantee, so we need hungry members.

Club Secretary: **Randy Marcove** announced the slate of officers for 2018-2019 upcoming election. OCMS elections will be Friday, April 20, 2018. The elections shall be conducted at the 7:00 a.m. meeting at the club's usual meeting at the American Legion Hall at Interstate 25 and Yale.

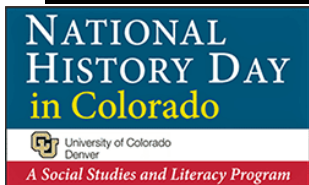
The Nomination Committee has identified the following Officers and Directors for the fiscal year:

- ◇ **President:** **Everett Gardner**
- ◇ **Vice Presidents:** **Steve Kady** and **Bob Meyer**
- ◇ **Directors:** **Noel Hasselgren, Jack Kleinheksel, Dan Rodriguez, and John Stoffel.**

The new officers will commence their terms on October 1, 2018 and serve until September 30, 2019.

Sullivan Scholarship Selection: While Randy Marcove had the mike, he also said he was heading up the Sullivan Scholarship selection team and asked for 8 to 10 members to read over the applications after the April 27th meeting. Let Randy know if you want to volunteer by call him at 303-667-3663.

History Day Competition: In an email, **Karl Geil** reported that back on March 16th, **Joe Marci, Bob Avery, Harry Arkin, Les Volpe, Tom Kramis**, and himself helped Hamilton Middle School determine which of their students'



History Day projects would compete at the regional History Day competition.

Last Saturday, at the History Colorado museum, the Denver Region History Day competition was held. Of the 10 entries from Hamilton Middle School in the Exhibit category, four will be competing at the State History Day competition on May 5th on the CU Denver Auraria campus. If you are interested in being a judge at that final Competition, and maybe learning some interesting history in the process, contact Karl Geil. Judging categories include Exhibits, Documentaries, Performances, Websites, and Papers.

Kent Gloor Update: **Dick Nickoloff** shared that **Kent Gloor** was briefly hospitalized, but is out and seemingly, fully recovered. Editor's note: Apparently, he is. He was present and happily greeting those who attended the DTC Wine Tasting on Saturday.



Opening Day for the Rockies: **Michael Chavez** thanked the 47 volunteers who showed up in the snow and cold of Rockies opening day and made \$750 for the club treasury. As Michael reported last week, even Rockies owner, **Charles Monfort**, helped them out for a short time. Thanks again!

District Essay Contest: **Joe Marci** announced that one student from Thomas Jefferson HS won 2nd place in the District Essay Contest, of which Joe was Chair. Winner of the scholarship went to the entrant from Summit/Lake Dillon club. Four of the top Thomas Jefferson HS essay contestants will be present for our April 27th meeting.

Junior Golf Program: While **Joe Marci** was up he also announced that there will be a golf tournament at the Broken Tee Golf Club on Monday, June 4th. He asked that you let him know if you have a foursome. Otherwise, he can set one up for you. Proceeds to support the Junior Golf Program, which will also benefit from your purchase of a ticket to the Rockies game on Sunday, June 3rd when they play the LA Dodgers.

Know Brainer: **Pat Bush** reported that he could use a few more people for the Know Brainer at Hamilton Middle School on April 28th, from 7 a.m. until Noon. This is an introduction to the Brain Bowl designed for 5th graders and is always fun.

Beating Alzheimer's: **John Greene** announced that he had copies of an article from last Sunday's *Parade* magazine about how to beat Alzheimer's—especially with respect to eating sugar, which is a major factor. He also made reference to **Kristin Friedrich** presentation who was at our March 2nd meeting and encouraged us to visit her webpage at www.kristinfriedrichtherapies.com/.

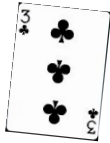
Heather Gardens Nite of Racing: **Donlie Smith** says it is time for the 2nd Annual Night at the Races, to be held at Heather Gardens clubhouse on Saturday, April 21st, beginning at 5 p.m. For only \$25, get dinner and \$20 of "funny money" to bet on the horse races, which is projected on the giant screen. Come on out, have some fun and support a dynamic club.

9 Health Fair: **Don Thomson** announced that his wife, Joyce, will be the Site Manager for the 9 Health Fair at Augustana Lutheran Church, 5000 E Alameda Ave., which starts on Monday, April 23rd and Tuesday, April 24th, 7 a.m. until Noon. This is one of the busiest sites of the 9 Health Fair. There will be no site at Schlessman YMCA this year, so take advantage of this opportunity to help support community health. You can register on-line at www.9HealthFair.org or contacting **Joyce Thomson** @ 303-918-4944.

Are You Reading GUMS?: The distribution email for GUMS that comes from Constant Contact shows that of the 158 copies sent each week, about 62 percent are actually being reviewed by our members and interested parties. Of course, that means that 38 percent of you are not looking at it. For those of you who are not looking at it, what could your editor's do to enhance your viewership? What else would you like to see in the pages? Suggestions and unsolicited articles are always welcome. So, if you have an idea or want to submit an article about your project and/or event, please just send it to an editor, they are listed for each month on page 4, or send it to **Bob Finkelmeier**.

Weekly Drawing

The elusive card this week was the Three of Clubs, which would have been worth \$40, had it been drawn. But, it was not. Although both **Greg Young** and **Barry Barker** gave it their best shot, neither was successful. Those who went for the sure thing were **Tom Hoch**, **Don Thomson**, **Michael Chavez**, **Harry Arkin**, and our guest, President of Aurora Optimist Club, **Russ Dennis**. The stars were in alignment as **Woody Thibodeau** who was actually present and when his name was drawn,



Woody Thibodeau goes in search for the Three of Clubs, but comes up without it.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

and too he was wearing a name tag! But the stars must not have been in total alignment as, Woody also could not find the Three of Clubs. More fun next week!

Some Other Photos from the Morning



By Councilwoman Kendra Black's Office

To Monaco South Optimist, thank you for caring about southeast Denver. For updates, visit denvergov.org/district4.

We are excited to introduce our new series, **Coffee Talks** (formerly known as the Senior Series). Join other curious minds right here in southeast Denver to engage with community members, experts, resources and your Council District 4 team. Our next two Coffee Talks will be:

- ⇒ **Wed., May 2, 1:30-3 pm, Coffee Talks:** Not Your Grandma's Library! Cool things you didn't know you could get with your library card, information about library tech classes, help with your smart phone and how to borrow eBooks and audiobooks and more. @ Ross-University Hills Library.
 - ⇒ **Wed., June 6, 10:30-noon, Coffee Talks:** Cannabis. Learn about this legal industry and options available to you. Discussion led by Councilwoman Kendra Black, Dr. Dorothy "Dot" Colagiovanni and Tiffany Goldman, owner of The Health Center. @ Eisenhower Rec Center.
 - ⇒ **Good Neighbor Program:** Active and connected neighborhoods increase security, improve communication, and bring neighbors together. From introducing yourself to neighbors to reporting suspicious activity or starting a Neighborhood Watch with the Police, the District 4 Good Neighbor program is customizable, so neighborhoods can enhance safety and improve everyday lives in a way that suits their specific needs. Are you a Good Neighbor? Join us for our annual meeting on April 17, 5:30 pm at District 3 Police Station. We will introduce the Pups on Patrol program. RSVP is required to tate.carpenter@denvergov.org. Learn more at denvergov.org/district4.
 - ⇒ **Communications:** Find information on construction projects, legislative work, upcoming meetings, senior resources, sign up for our monthly e-newsletter and more on our new user-friendly and improved website: denvergov.org/district4. Communication with residents is a top priority.
 - ⇒ **'Drive 25' Yard Signs:** Remind drivers to slow down! Pick up a yard sign free of charge (if your street's speed limit is 25 mph) at our office (3540 S. Poplar St. Suite 100). Signs can only be placed on your private property, not in the public right-of-way.
 - ⇒ **Friday AM Office Hours:** Do you have a concern, idea, comment or just want to meet your Councilwoman? Every Friday from 9-11 am, we will hold office hours at 3540 S. Poplar St. Suite 100. Kendra will meet with people by appointment only from 9-10 am and host drop-in discussions from 10-11 am. Contact 720-337-4444 or tate.carpenter@denvergov.org to make an appointment.
 - ⇒ **South by Southeast:** Aug. 18, 2018, Bible Park Bringing together the entire southeast community, we are excited to host the second annual SxSE community festival! Musical entertainment, kids' activities, pop-up dog park, a beer garden and more will be back this summer. Contact kathy.gile@denvergov.org to volunteer.
- As always, feel free to reach out to me or my staff with your questions, comments or ideas. Thank you for being Good Neighbors and caring about our neighborhood! Kendra Black

April Super Citizen Presenters

Apr 26 @ 1:00	McMeen	Dave Peck
Apr 27 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters

4/20/18	George Buzick & Jon Wachter
4/27/18	Al Gapuzan & Don Roth

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Apr 18	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Apr 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Sherry Manning, Global Seed Savers & Club Election
Apr 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Thomas Jefferson High School Easy Contest Winners
Apr 28	Sat	7:00 am	CO-WY District 3rd Quarter Conference, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden
Apr 28	Sat	7:00 am	Know Brainer Competition, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.
Apr 29	Sun	9:00 am	CO-WY District Oratorical Contest Finals, Bethany Lutheran Church, 4500 E. Hampden
May 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Thomas Jefferson High School Sullivan Scholarship Winners

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

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Cy Regan	1999-00
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	200Feb. 03
John Young	198Feb. 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	201Feb. 13
Kent Gloor	199Feb. 93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
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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.