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Good Morning Optimists



Ron Cisco, with the assistance of **Greg Hurd**, were our greeters this morning. Both had hearty “Hello’s” and “Good morning’s” for our club members as they arrived on Friday, April 14th — today is Good Friday and the fourth day of Passover.

This Date in History

Below are some notes from this date in history:

- ⇒ April 14, 1828: The first edition of Noah Webster’s “*American Dictionary of the English Language*” is published.
- ⇒ April 14, 1841: The first detective story is published, Edgar Allan Poe’s “*Murders in Rue Morgue*.” It has been recognized as the first modern detective story; Poe referred to it as one of his “tales of ratiocination.”
- ⇒ April 14, 1865: President Abraham Lincoln is shot. President Lincoln is shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of “Our American Cousin” at Ford’s Theater in Washington.
- ⇒ April 14, 1910: President William Howard Taft begins the tradition of the ceremonial first pitch. President Taft throws out the ceremonial first pitch of

2017-2018 Club Officer Nominations

Currently the full slate of nominees are:

President – Jim Easton

Vice President – Mike McMahon

Vice President – Everett Gardner

Board (elect 4) – Robert Wardlaw, Tom Kramis, Ken Duffy, & Harry Arkin.

The election will be held on Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Club’s regular membership meeting at 7:00 a.m. at 5400 East Yale Avenue, Denver, CO. Members may nominate others or themselves by contacting Paul Stratton (pcstratton@comcast.net) or Craig Eley (craigceley@gmail.com). Additional nominations must be made by the end of the membership meeting of April 14, 2017. Nominations cannot be made after that meeting and cannot be made from the floor during the election meeting.

the season at the Washington Senators and the Philadelphia Athletics game thus beginning the tradition of a ceremonial first pitch.

- ⇒ April 14, 1912: RMS Titanic Hits Iceberg. Just before midnight in the North Atlantic, the RMS Titanic a British liner, on its maiden voyage across the Atlantic Ocean, hits an iceberg and begins to sink. At about 2:20 am. on the morning of April 15, the massive vessel sank into the North Atlantic killing more than 1,500 people.
- ⇒ April 14, 1965: 173rd Airborne Brigade ordered to South Vietnam. The Joint Chiefs of Staff order the deployment of the 173rd Airborne Brigade — the first major U.S. Army ground combat unit — from Okinawa to South Vietnam. The 173rd arrived in Vietnam in May 1965.



President William Howard Taft was the first President to throw out the first ball of the baseball season on April 14, 1910. That is Mrs. Taft on the left with Brig. Gen. Clarence Edwards behind her.

Photo BaseballChronology.com

Invocation & Pledge

Our invocation today was shared by **John Oss**, with a message regarding “think only of the best.” When you hold a grudge against another, it is you that suffers, not them. Optimists work to avoid that thinking and to remain positive. He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag of the United States of America.



Guest

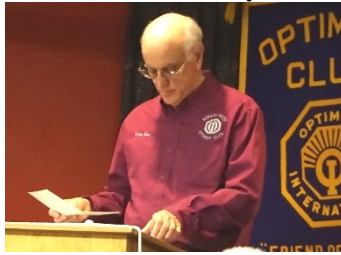
Bryan Dean was our guest today, invited by his friend and neighbor **Dick Nickoloff**. Bryan works for American Family Insurance and thanked us for having him. No, thank YOU Bryan! We hope to see you again. Come back and join us.

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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******

From the Prez

President **Craig Eley** passed around a thank you note the club received from the Eagle Scouts and American Diabetes Association. One Eagle Scout was presented with a \$1000 scholarship given by Marilyn Brown from the **Doug Morton Foundation**. The club made a cash donation to the American Diabetes Association.



President Craig Eley
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Prez Craig also reminded us that board of director elections would be next week. Last chance to nominate yourself or another member, he also mentioned no nominations from the floor will be allowed at next Friday's meeting.

Announcements

Know Brainer: **Don Thomson** let us know that the Know Brainer competition will be at Hamilton Middle School on Saturday, April 29th. Don is looking for nine volunteers to be timers and scorekeepers. Please sign-up; arrival time is at 7:30 a.m. for an 8:00 a.m. check-in. Lunch will be provided after the event for volunteers. If you don't know, the Know Brainer is an event for 5th graders only similar to the Brain Bowl.

Casino Night: **Paul Simon** announced that the CO-WY District's Childhood Cancer Campaign fundraiser, Casino Night, is coming up on Friday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. Paul is looking for dealers (card dealers) for that night, who will be trained prior to the event. Tickets are just \$35 and include \$1,000 of poker chips. Advance tickets are available from Greg Young or Paul. You may contact Greg at gndyoung@comcast.net or Paul at paul4123@comcast.net.

Colorado/Wyoming District Conference: **Paul Simon** also let us know that the 3rd Quarter Conference will be Saturday, May 13th at the Salvation Army facility in Aurora, 802 Quari Court. The project for that day will be packing hygiene bags for homeless kids. Registration is \$35, and MSOC pays \$25 towards that fee, which includes lunch. Agenda and registration information can be found on the District's website at www.optimistcowy.org or just download it from the GUMS distribution email. **Joe Marci** added that the essay contest winner would be at the conference. The young man had a very impressive essay that Joe submitted to Optimist International.

9 Health Fair: Sign up for the 9 News Health Fair. It will be at the Schlessman Family YMCA on Sunday, April 23rd. **Jon Wachter** is looking for 10 to 11 volunteers. Help is needed from 6:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You can sign up for morning or afternoon shifts, contact Jon at jon_wachter@msn.com or 303-204-5645.

Robert Sullivan Scholarship's: As **Joe Marci** announced last week, **Randy Marcove** went to Thomas Jefferson High School yesterday and picked up 21 Sullivan Scholarship applications. He lassoed some

Optimists to help judge them directly after breakfast. The Sullivan Scholarship fund was established to honor Bob Sullivan who was an outstanding member and the president of TJHS booster club. This scholarship provides deserving college-bound seniors a small scholarship to help them make the college transition.

Activity Recognition

President Craig awarded pins to those members who helped at the Tri Star Basketball finals. They were



Photo Noel Hasselgren

John Greene, Keith Gallaway, Michael Chavez and Mike McMahon who were all called to the front to accept a pin.

Setup for JDRF Dream Gala

Ron Gustas reported via email, that on Friday, April 14th members of OCMS helped stage the next night

"2017 JDRF Dream Gala -Mad for a Cure" by moving Gala materials from the JDRF office to the Downtown Hyatt



From left, Mark Metevia, Ron Gustas, Mike Miller, Noel Hasselgren and Michael Chavez, surround Robert Garelick, Executive Director of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of JDRF.

Regency Hotel site. Members helping out were **Michael Chavez, Mark Metevia, Neal Hasselgren, Gary Miller and Ron Gustas**. Proceeds from the Gala are used to help JDRF fund research seeking a cure for and improved treatment processes for those with Type 1 Diabetes.

A Bit of Humor

With all of the publicity that United Airlines has gotten after a passenger was dragged from an over-booked plane, **Dick Nickoloff** took to the stage and shared some new United Airlines marketing slogans:

- Prices you can't beat, but passengers can.
- We put the hospital in hospitality.
- You carry on; we carry off.
- Missing your flight can be a drag, making it can be one too.
- We have red eye and black eye flights available.



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Michelle Jeske Denver City Librarian, Denver Public Library

Our speaker today was Michelle Jeske, the Denver City Librarian. Michelle has been speaking to numerous community groups promoting modern library features, benefits, and services.

Michelle has been with the Denver Library system for about fifteen years and has come up the ranks to become Denver Public Library's new City Librarian. She has been in that position for about two years. Michelle served in a number of positions prior including the Manager of Web Information Services and Community Technology Center, Senior Special Collection Librarian for the Library Without Walls, and as the director of Collections, Technology and Innovation.

Michelle gave a slide presentation with some pretty interesting facts about the Denver Library System, for example:

- ♦ The Denver library system gets 4.3 million visitors annually, which is twice the number of people who visit the zoo.
- ♦ There are an additional 13 million visits online.
- ♦ 400,000 people attend programs.
- ♦ 44,000 kids participate in the summer reading program.
- ♦ 670,000 hours of public computer use.
- ♦ 3,000,000 wireless sessions (people with their own devices, but need Wi-Fi).
- ♦ 69% of Denver residents have a card.
- ♦ 9 million items are checked out in the traditional fashion.



Photos Noel Hasselgren

The Denver Library was founded in 1889 and operates independently of the city. In June 1889, City Librarian John Cotton Dana established Denver's first public library in a wing of Denver High School. Between 1913 and 1920, Carnegie also underwrote construction of the city's first eight branch libraries. They would serve a growing city that had previously relied on traveling trunks of books. The history for Denver's Libraries can be found at <https://history.denverlibrary.org/history-denver-public-library>.

The library commission has eight commissioners appointed by Mayor. The commission serves as the Board of Directors for the Library and has exclusive control of the public library system.

Over 127 years, there have only been ten city librarians. Michelle is in her second year. There are 26 library locations and two bookmobiles.

The library's vision statement is "*An Inspired and Engaged Denver*." The programs are designed to not only help develop readers but skills in other areas as well. Recently they have added two social workers to their staff to assist with the homeless or others who need to find resources and are in need of social services.

Having a Library Card opens up a lot of resources, and you do not have to be a Denver resident to use Denver libraries programs — any library card will do.

For more insights visit <https://www.denverlibrary.org/>.

Thank you Michelle for an informative presentation!

Weekly Drawing

A drawing took place and \$40 was in the *Big Pot* for the taking. The right ticket and the *Ten of Hearts* were all that was required. **Harry Arkin** and **Cap Hermann** came up empty. However, Harry had two winning tickets, so he also went home with a cup of dough. Others went took home a cup were

Bryce Slaby, Everett Gardner, Jack Kleinhessel, Eldon Strong, and Lynn Jones.

For the Name Tag drawing, **George Buzick** proudly had his on, but \$40 was not in the cards for George. He did an outstanding job, however, of leading us in the creed:

PROMISE YOURSELF....

April Super Citizen Presenters

Apr 19 @ 2:30	MPB	Joe Marci
Apr 27 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
Apr 28 @ 9:00	Holm	?
Apr 28 @ 3:00	Bradley	Mark Metevia

Weekly Greeters

4/21/17	Al Gapuzan & Perry Allen
4/28/17	Ed Collins & Gary Strowbridge

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

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

Apr 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie & Election for 2016-2017 Officers & Directors (President Craig Eley declared nominations over at the close of the April 14 meeting.)
Apr 26	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Apr 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Apr 29	Sat	7:30 am	Know Brainer Competition at Hamilton Middle School
May 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Marisa Atria Kruger, Optometrist, Vision Transformation
May 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: An Optimist International Visitor
May 13	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY District Conference, Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 802 Quari Court, Aurora

**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 Stowbridge	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

President	Craig Eley	303-758-9499
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Secretary	Randy Marcove	303-667-3663
Treasurer	Greg Young	303-759-3921

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Allen Malask	303-726-3700
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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.