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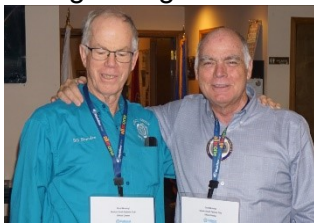
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Good Morning Optimists

We are barreling through April at high speed; about to slam into the Easter holiday. Today is Good Friday and the beginning of Passover. The start of the Easter Weekend.



Thanks go out to **Bill Blunden** and **Bob Avery** for their greetings this morning. It is great to get a warm greeting before the seating czar, **Frank Middleton**, starts dealing cards and insisting that all members sit in their assigned seats. This all makes it difficult to stay in one's SAFE space.



Bill Blunden & Bob Avery share their morning greeting.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell, Invocation, & Pledge

Prez **Everett Gardner** calls on **Craig Eley** to read an innovation. Craig said that what divides us as a nations is often just a thin line on a map and that one of the purposes of Optimist International is to bridge the divides by promoting understanding, tolerance, and harmony between the peoples of the world. I think what he was trying to say was, "No Collusion, No Obstruction!" He then lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to our flag.



From the Prez

The hall was packed this morning in anticipation of a contentious election for our officers for the next Optimist year. **Prez Everett** asked the membership if we had any guests this morning. Seeing none, we were free to proceed with the elections. More on that later.

Prez Everett announced that the Board of Directors met last evening, Thursday, April 18th, and approved a \$5,000 donation to the Colorado/Wyoming District Golf program. This is a worthy cause and Junior Golf needs all donations they can get so they can give at least some financial support to all of the winners in the upcoming qualification tournaments.

Prez Everett asked all members with April birthdays to stand up and be recognized. On that list are, **Steven Hick, Dick Nickoloff, Phil Perington, Don StJohn, and Paul Stratton.** **Dick Nickoloff** was the only member willing to take the birthday song abuse. Dick held his ground and took it like a man.



Announcements

New April 2019, Membership Roster: Prez **Everett** reminded us that **Craig Eley** and **Tom Mauro** completed their work on the new membership directory. Assist them in keeping it up to date by sharing corrections, changes of addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, please let either of them know.



JDRF GALA: **Ron Gustas** reported that the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation held their big fundraising gala at the Hyatt Regency Colorado Convention Center last Saturday, April 13th. Ron thanked all of the Monaco South members that helped transport the auction items from the JDRF office to the auction site on the preceding Friday afternoon. Members that helped out included **John Oss, George Buzick, Phil Perington, Bob Avery, Craig Eley, Don Roth, Mark Metevia** and of course **Ron**. Ron also reported they have now linked Celiac Disease as being a "marker" for Type 1 Diabetes. He recommended having children screened for the many markers of diabetes. If a child has the "markers," it does not mean they will get diabetes but the likelihood is increased and they can be monitored for the early signs.

Rockies Handouts: **Michael Chavez** reminded us that the handouts at the Rockies is this Saturday, April 20th. This is a fundraising project where Optimist members, their families and friends, handout promotional items to the fans as they enter Coors Field. This project raises \$500 for the Monaco South Optimist Club plus volunteers get a free seat at the game. Michael asks all volunteers to report to the employee entrance on the northwest corner under the "rockpile" stands by

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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3:15 p.m. You can park in the garage located in Lot C for just \$1.00. This is usually a lot of fun and we are done by the end of the second inning. Oh, I forgot, you also get a free Colorado Rockies Tee shirt.

Dime-A-Day Donation: Perry Allen reports that our [Dime-A-Day donations](#) have hit the \$2,300 level for the current Optimist year.



While this is a good start, we have to keep pushing the program if we are to meet the high levels of giving that we have achieved the past few years. Perry has offered to make a personal donation of \$36.50 (up to 10 donations equaling \$365) for every donation of \$365 by other members. If we can get Perry to the donation limit, we will have no problem meeting the levels of the past few years. He also reminded us of the [Presidents Club](#) for members making an unrestricted donation of \$250 to the OI Foundation or donating \$100 in honor of a [Military Veteran](#) or in memory of a somebody dear to you.

Colorado Rockies Tickets: Joe Marci tells us that we can support the Rockies and the Junior Golf program at the same time. Joe is selling tickets to the Rockies games on April 21st against the Philadelphia Phillies and May 26th versus the Baltimore Orioles and a portion of the ticket price will be donated to the Optimist Junior Golf program. You can get tickets on the first level for \$43 per seat or a little higher up for \$23 per seat. Joe also mentioned that he had tickets to 15 other games throughout the summer if you can't make these dates. Get with Joe for more particulars on the other dates from his [attached Order Form](#).

DMV Online Appointments: Phil Perington was so elated he had to share—did you know that you can make an appointment with



the [Department of Motor Vehicles online](#)? Phil had just tried this procedure and it was amazed at how fast he was able to get through his business at the DMV by having an appointment. No more taking a number and waiting in a long line. Phil said he was so happy with the results that he thumbed his nose at the poor schmucks waiting in line as he left.

Bradley International Donations: Jon Wachter thanked the membership for the change donations made to the Bradley International's change drive. Perry Allen donated 8 pounds of pennies—about \$1.45 per pound. Jon also presented a donation check of \$300 to Monaco South from the Bradley International Super Citizen School for all the support that we have given to Bradley over the years. Jon said, "I'm not sure how that works. We give some spare change to Bradley and they give us a \$300 check. What a deal!"



New Christmas Tree Czar: Tom Kramis announced that he has officially taken over the leadership of the Christmas Tree Lot. Joe Marci just handed him a pile of paperwork that has been filled out and filed in the next few weeks. Things like sales tax licenses,

business permits, etc. You know the forms that have to be filled out in triplicate. He should have lots of fun sorting through that folder. By the way, at right, is this what a Christmas Tree Czar looks like?



Fundraiser for Shiloh House: While Tom Kramis had the floor he mentioned that Jersey Mike's, 1390 S Colorado unit 150, raised \$80K for the Shiloh House during 100 Percent Day on the last Wednesday of March. In attendance from MSOC were Gary Miller, Deacon Mark, Kent and Abigail Gloor, Tom and Sheryl Overton, along with Tom.

Know Brainer: The Know Brainer is next Saturday April 27th. Allen Pierce reminded us that all members that have volunteered for the Know Brainer should sign in by 7:30 a.m. in the Hamilton Middle School front lobby. A continental style breakfast with coffee will be provided to volunteers. Volunteers will be performing such duties as readers, runners, timers, scorekeepers, serving lunch, as well as information dissemination to coaches, students, and parents. The competition starts at 8:45 a.m. The event will end with a pizza lunch for the students and parents and an awards presentation. Volunteers should be finished by 12:30 p.m. We have a total of 21 teams registered from nine different schools. Rumor has it that the volunteers often go to lunch after the event to enjoy each other's company and share their experiences of the event.

Election of 2019-2020 Officers & Directors

The nomination committee chair, Joe Marci, presided over the election process with an iron fist. He found some obscure rule that do not allow any nominations from the floor on election day. He said this rule was specifically designed to prevent any hostile takeovers. Joe went on to clarify that the nominated "slate of candidates" has been published along with this little-known rule in the GUMS for the last few weeks. As *GUMS editor for the month of April*, I had no recollection of having written this announcement up, so I went back and looked at the last several GUMS. Sure enough, there it was. Well, at least I have plausible deniability. (Note the [Club's Policies & Bylaws](#) as approved on January 17, 2019.) As a result, the slate of officers includes Bob Meyer for President, Steve Kady and Dan Rodriguez for Vice-Presidents and Allen Malask, Perry Allen, Mark Smith, and Bill Morgan as new Directors all won in landslides. *Let me be the first to offer my congratulations to these men!*



Pictured at left, nominated candidates gather with Joe Marci to be formally elected to their assigned role.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

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Camaraderie Day

Today was not only Election of Officers and Director's Day, but also camaraderie day so the seating chart was shuffled, and members shared stories, told jokes and generally had fun visiting with members that they do not ordinarily sit with.



Where in the World is Harry Fegley?

Although we have not heard from Harry recently, we are guessing that he and his wife are sailing near Cape Town, South Africa, or Southwest Namibia. According to their daily itinerary they are expected back in second week of May. Hopefully we will receive an update prior to their return.

Do We Have a Drawing?

As usual, we had the much-anticipated drawing. Members claiming cups of cash were President Elect **Bob Meyer**, **Oscar Sorensen**, **John Oss**, **Bob Avery**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, and **John Stoffel**. **Michael Chavez** and **Craig Eley** took shots at the deck of cards but came up empty. The name from the jar was **Frank Middleton**, but he had no better luck at drawing the right card than the others had. The pot keeps growing — Better luck next week!

Weekly Greeters	
4/26/19	John Oss & Steve Kady
5/3/19	?
5/10/19	?

Friday Baseball Quotes

"Hey, in the first two weeks of the season, my Rockies lost to the 'injured list' their..."

- Starting first baseman
- Backup first baseman
- Number 3 starter
- Starting left-fielder
- Starting catcher

And played badly." Skip Schweiss

"We haven't won a pennant in ten years? That's not good. That's not good." Reggie Jackson, on the NY Yankees (Spring Training, 2019)

Editor's Notes: No, the Bronx Bombers have not played in the World Series since 2009. If they fail to win the AL pennant this season it will be the first decade since the 1910s that they've gone through such a miserable stretch.

Yes, we have some Yanks' fans among our subscriber base. I'll leave it to you readers to express your sadness about the Yanks' pennant drought

A Bit of Humor ... Everyday Thoughts



April Super Citizen Presenters		
Apr 26 @ 3:00	Bradley	?
May Super Citizen Presenters		
May 3 @ 8:30	Slavens	?
May 8 @ 1:00	Lowry	?
May 9 @ 5:30	Hamilton	?
May 17 @ 8:15	Holm	?
May 17 @ 1:00	Samuels	?
May 21 @ 2:30	MPB	?
May 23 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
We need Korsoski Award Presentation Dates		

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

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

Apr 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Mike Rengel, Ex NFL player talks about Concussions
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 Sullivan Scholarship 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: TJHS Essay Contest Winner
May 16	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
May 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
May 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: CDOT, Central 70 Project Explained and Detailed
May 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: East High School Constitutional Scholars

2018 - 2019 Officers

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Robert Wardlaw	303-525-2532
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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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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.