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Good Morning Optimists

This morning we have an amazing sunrise for this beautiful spring morning; however, a spring snow was forecasted for later in the day. Evan at 6:14 a.m. **Ed Collins**, on left, and **Gary Strowbridge** bringing the cheer as our greeters.



Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President **Craig Eley** rings the rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m. and calls on **Al Gapuzan** for the Invocation and Pledge. Al reads the invocation asking for us to look to the sunny side of everything and sharing that "... earthly troubles inspire us to fight the good fight. To spread these ideals to family, friends, and strangers with our words and actions." Al then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Guests

Tom Mauro introduces his guest this morning, **Alex Myrin**, who is a student of Tom's at Argosy University. Alex is also a veteran and an entrepreneur. Welcome, Alex, come back and join us!

From the Prez

President Craig announced that the new April 2017, Member Directory is here! Please pick one up this morning or see **Tom Mauro**.

At right, Tom is shown sharing copies of the new directory to **Bob Avery**, our attendance taker, and **Everett Gardner**.



Photo Noel Hasselgren

Update on Don StJohn

JR Gieck, **Don StJohn's** grandson, who joined us today, says a few words about Don. JR had spent the previous night with Don at Porter Hospital. Don is doing somewhat better and is being moved from Porter Hospital to the skilled nursing section at Clermont Park Retirement Community, 2479 S Clermont Street, Denver 80222. This is where Don's wife, Char has volunteered for 30+ years. JR said, Don enjoys the time he has had with Monaco South and the people in his life. His disease has taken from his physical being, but his mental strengths remain.

Should you like to visit Don, please call before stopping by to make sure it is an appropriate time for Don to receive visitors. The number is 720-974-7275. Editor: *All our best to Don and Char!*

2017-2018 Club Officer Election

Elections were to be held last week, but due to a plumbing problem at the American Legion Hall the club was not able to meet. Therefore, the election was held this morning.

The slate of nominees were **Jim Easton**, president; **Mike McMahon**, vice president; **Everett Gardner**, vice president, and **Robert Wardlaw**, **Tom Kramis**, **Ken Duffy**, and **Harry Arkin** board members. After a call for a vote was made all members in attendance approved all nominated by a unanimous vote of approval.

Newly elected 2017-2018 President, **Jim Easton**, stepped to the podium to say a few words. Although as he says, he has a problem with punctuality, he feels blessed to be an Optimist. He is hopeful and looks forward to the challenge of being in and supporting the community, and fostering good spirits. And, he looks forward to the next year and serving the club.



Jim Easton
Photo Noel Hasselgren

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

Travel Banner: As the announcements were about to begin, **President Craig** points out the new travel banner sitting in the entrance area. He shares that it is easy to put up and take down, has great graphics, and is a great way to promote Monaco South Optimist Club.



Unfurling the new banner are, l to r, Gary Strowbridge, Tom Hoch, President Craig Eley, and Ed Collins.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Know Brainer: Don Thomson announces that the Know Brainer is Saturday at Hamilton Middle School. The Know Brainer, is similar to the Brain Bowl for 5th Graders. **Pat Bush** provided additional details, and said they are in need of volunteers, so come out and have fun. Volunteers need be there at 7:30 a.m.

Rockies Game to Support Jr. Golf: Joe Marci has Rockies tickets for the May 28th game with the Cardinals. Proceeds from the sale of these tickets go to Jr. Golf. See Joe after the meeting or give him a call.

Dime-A-Day: Perry Allen asks members to consider the Dime-A-Day program. Currently the CO-WY District is down and we need to keep it going. The 10 cents a day, or \$36.50, goes to the Optimist International Foundation which is the fundraising arm of OI and supports Childhood Cancer Campaign.



JDRF Dream Gala: Ron Gustas thanked members who helped with the recent JDRF Dream Gala. They were **Michael Chavez, Mark Metavia, Noel Hasselgren, Gary Miller, and Ron Gustas**. The event benefits the JDRF Rocky Mountain Chapter and Type 1 research. The Gala raised \$800,000 for research!

CO-WY District Casino Night & 3rd Qtr. Conference: Paul Simon, MSOC past president and now CO-WY District governor, announced that the Know Brainer was started during his tenure as club president. Further, he congratulates Jim Easton for stepping up and leading the club as president for the coming year. Paul says this is a great club, which all leads to him reminding us that the CO-WY Districts Childhood Cancer Fundraiser Casino Night is coming up on Friday, May 12th.

This is followed with the 3rd Quarter District Conference on Saturday, May 13th. The Conference Keynote speaker will be from the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, CO. See the [District's website](#) and GUMS distribution email for further details.

Casino Night & Reloadable Cash Cards: Following Paul, **Greg Young** touts the Casino Night, sharing that for \$35 you get dinner, \$1000 funny-money to play, and a silent auction. It is on May 12th, starting at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be a dealer get there earlier for training. See him for tickets.

Sales for the reloadable cards is way down. These

cards are for King Soopers and Safeway stores, where the club gets 5% back on your purchases. Greg, shares, they are an effortless way to raise money for the club. See **Cy Regan** to make your purchase.

DTC Optimist Club Wine Tasting: John Oss tells members that the Denver Tech Optimist Club is hosting a wine tasting and this is a great chance to support other Optimist Club's and see what they are doing. The tasting and silent auction is at the Citron Bistro on Saturday, May 20th.

Bradley Super Citizen: Randy Marcove told us that the Super Citizen Assembly will be held later today. Additionally, he added kudos to **Aaron Beery** who has been at every Super Citizen Assembly this year. Later on Friday, **John Oss**, Bradley SC photog-



From left, Aaron Beery, Randy Marcove, Jon Wachter, and Mark Metavia give some applause to the Bradley Super Citizens.
Photo John Oss

rapher, emailed the editor this picture and comment, "Five Monaco members conducted the program. **Randy Marcove and Jon Wachter** kept the operation running smoothly. **Steve Wera, Bradley's principal,** kicked off the

presentations. Then you found **Mark Metavia** calling up the new super citizens. As they were called out parents came out from behind the curtain. What a joy for the children. **Aaron Beery** was there putting shirts on the new recipients. **Aaron Beery's Annabelle** and **Mike McMahon's Nate** were both recognized."

Senior Moments at the Eastern Star: Bob Avery recapped the Senior Moments presentation at the Eastern Star Retirement Campus from yesterday. The topic was organ transplant and our own **Mike McMahon** spoke on his organ donation experience. The event will be held again the 4th Thursday of every month.

Bob also shared he was grateful to the Board for the \$10 King Soopers card and he has reloaded the card many times since then. He thought that giving the card to new members might be an effective way to stimulate the current program.

OI Junior Golf: Ron Cisco is looking for Jr. Golf hole sponsors for the upcoming CO-WY tournament. The first fund raising tournament will be held Monday, June 5, 2017, at Broken Tee Golf Course in Englewood. See the [website](#) and Ron for details.

9 Health Fair & JOI Club's: Jon Wachter wants to thank all who came out the 9 News Health Fair last week. He then shared that next Saturday is the first convention for Junior Optimist International Club's, and thanks to MSOC's Board for sponsoring part of the event. He also mentioned he needs help for this event for a couple of hours. Contact Jon if you can assist.

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Know Brainer Event

Don Thomson sent a quick update on Saturday's Know Brainer Event. He said, *"The snow did not dampen the spirits of the Know Brainer Participants on Saturday. Seventeen Teams participated from nine Schools. Nineteen club members volunteer including the members of the Leadership Team, who are; Pat Bush, Allen Pierce, Don Roth and himself. The final scores of the top three teams were decided by one point. The finalist were:*

- ⇒ 1st place Southmoor Roadkill
- ⇒ 2nd place Slavens Peoples Republic of the Bush
- ⇒ 3rd place Slavens Fat Chinchilla

See lot's of photos from this event, taken by President **Craig Eley**, they can be found at <https://goo.gl/photos/uYfeGatzbbEZYdpp7>."



Photo Craig Eley

Meet Ed Leuty

Since the morning meeting was scheduled for our election and camaraderie, **President Craig** invited **Ed Leuty** to share something about himself.



Ed Leuty

Ed Leuty joined our club in October of last year, at the urging of his son-in-law **John Scarborough**, and was very active with the clubs Tree Lot this past year. He says since then he has enjoyed the experiences he has had with several other Monaco South activities and programs.

Ed grew up in Missouri and Illinois. He and his family traveled frequently during his childhood. He went to high school in St. Louis and attended the University of Missouri. He went to work for the Brown Shoe Company out of college and worked for the company for the next 30 years. Ed and his wife Kathy, moved to Denver to be near his daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and John Scarborough last year. Ed said we both have enjoyed Denver and our time here thus far. He thanked the club for this experience. He also shared he will be 80 years old in October of this year and looks forward to having a wonderful year. *Editor: Thank you, Ed, for your work with our club and being so active.*

Do We Have a Drawing?

Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$60 in the pot, and the lucky card is the Queen of Diamonds. Members holding tickets this morning include **Lynn Jones, Jack Kleinheksel, Dick Nickoloff**, and **Mike White**, while on another chance **Dick Nickoloff** pulls at the cards for the \$60, but "no go." Additionally, **Ron Cisco, Don Roth**, as well as **President Craig** are holding lucky tickets.



Barry Barker's name was drawn out of the name tag jug, but he too has no luck.

Closing Bell

As we closed today, **Jon Wachter** leads us in the recitation of the Optimist Creed. "Promise yourself"



May Super Citizen Presenters

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| May 12 @ 8:30 | Slavens | Michael Chavez |
| May 17 @ 2:30 | MPB | Frank Middleton |
| May 18 @ 12:30 | Lowry | Greg Young |
| May 18 @ 2:15 | Univ. Park | ? |

Weekly Greeters

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| 5/5/17 | Jim VanderKamp & Joe Marci |
| 5/12/17 | John Oss & Bob Finkelmeier |
| 5/19/17 | Rob Brewer & Pat Bush |
| 5/26/17 | ? |

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

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

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| May 5 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Marisa Atria Kruger, Optometrist, Vision Transformation |
| May 12 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: TJ Sullivan Scholarship Winners |
| May 12 | Fri | 6:15 pm | Casino Night Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer, Greg Young or Paul Simon |
| May 13 | Sat | 8:00 am | CO-WY District Conference, Salvation Army Corps Community Center, 802 Quari Court, Aurora |
| May 19 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Partners in Education Award for Excellence |
| May 26 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Respect for Law |
| June 2 | Fri | 7:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA |

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

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| Bob Rhue | 1976-77 | Tom Overton | 1996-97 |
| Jerry Whitlow | 1977-78 | Peter Dimond | 1997-98 |
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| 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 Strowbridge | 1993-94 | Jon Wachter | 2013-14 |
| Mark Metevia | 1994-95 | John Oss | 2014-15 |
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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.