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Good Morning Optimists

As we enter the month of April and the spring season, the weather seems to be cooperating. It is a clear and bright morning, with baseball in the air, since it



Dan Rodriguez & Gary Strowbridge
Photos Noel Hasselgren

is the Colorado Rockies Opening Day game for the 2019 season against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Dan Rodriguez and Gary Strowbridge greeted us with the same warmth that the morning has presented.

In anticipation of the home opener this afternoon Mr.

Baseball, **Tom Mauro**, was decked out in his Rockies jersey and baseball cap. Unfortunately, that first game turned out to be a 7 to 2 loss, which put tears in mascot Dinger's eyes, as well as all Rockies fans.



First Bell, Invocation, & Pledge

President **Everett Gardner** rings the bell at 7:00 a.m. to start the meeting. He calls on **Tom Mauro** to deliver our morning baseball themed invocation... *"Let the Rockies play their best and leave it all on the field. Protect them from injury and, when they are, make them quickly heal. When they fall behind, let them know that it's not over till it's over and rally to win. And God, take me to a place where the grass is green, where the sky is blue, and the air is clean. Where the ball shines white with dark red seams and the players sprint to first with big league dreams. Where foul poles climb like redwood trees; to a baseball field; that's where I want to be! Amen."*

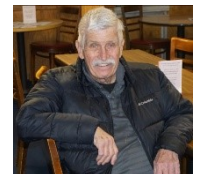
Tom followed by leading us in the pledge of allegiance to our flag; followed by the familiar, **Play Ball!**



Guest

Tom Overton brought a guest this morning. Tom scheduled a heating and air conditioning check on his systems today and convinced his service guy, **Carl Oss**, to come early so that he could join us for breakfast. Imagine the surprise on **John Oss'** face when he found his son at the meeting. Editor, *"We all join with Tom and your father and welcome you to the meeting this morning Carl."*

Members who we have not seen for awhile and welcomed back were, Costa Rica, **Randy Marcove** returning for an extended visit and **Russ Paul** returning after a long absence after having heart surgery. Both were "looking good."



We welcome back Russ Paul after his heart surgery.

Announcements

Tri-Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** reported that the Tri-Star Basketball finals were held last Sunday, March 31st at the Pepsi Center. The CO-WY District had 124 kids compete in six different age and gender categories. This finishes the basketball competition for this Optimist year.

Denver Tech Center Optimist Wine Tasting: The DTC Optimist Club will be hosting a Wine Tasting and

2019-2020 Club Officer Nominations

Currently the slate of nominees are:

President — **Bob Meyer**

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

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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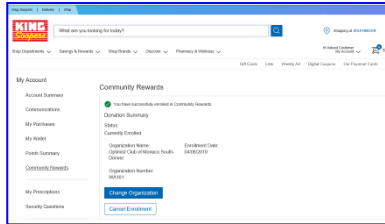
Announcements Continued

Silent Auction on Saturday, April 6th. **Tom Kramis** said he and **Tom Overton** are selling tickets for a small fee of \$25.00. The event will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church located at 6500 E. Girard (near Monaco & Hampden).

King Soopers Reloadable Cards: Frank Middle-

ton announced several times in recent weeks, that King Soopers is changing their community donation program. The current reloadable cards will no longer be used, and the program will be based on a new loyalty card. This is the same cards used for discount coupons and fuel point accumulation. However, the transformation is not automatic.

You must sign in to your online account and designate the Optimist Club of Monaco South as your community organization for the club to receive donations every time you swipe your loyalty card.



To signup:

1. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A KING SOOPERS LOYALTY CARD THAT YOU SWIPE TO GET FUEL POINTS PLEASE GO TO ANY KING SOOPERS STORE AND GET ONE.
2. FOR EVERYONE ELSE PLEASE Go to KingSoopers.com
3. Go to "Savings and Rewards," click on "[King Soopers Community Rewards](#)"
4. Click on Enroll Now.
5. Sign in to your existing digital King Soopers account with your email address and password. If you do not have a King Soopers digital account select "New to King Soopers, create an account" and establish a digital account. The digital account gets you coupons, cents off on items etc. on their site.
6. Click on "Change Organization"
7. "Find an Organization" will come up.
8. Type in "Optimist Club of Monaco South" or WA161.
9. Click on enroll. That's it!!!
10. Every time you swipe your loyalty card or enter your alternate ID to get fuel points Monaco South gets a donation.

That is it! Any questions please call Frank Middleton 303-759-9232 or cell 303-903-1716 or email frank-m101@hotmail.com

JDRF GALA: Ron Gustas reminded us that the Rocky Mountain chapter of JDRF is holding its fundraising GALA at the Hyatt Regency Colorado Convention Center on Saturday, April 13th and he needs assistance moving auction items from the JDRF office to the Hyatt Regency next Friday afternoon. You can contact Ron for more information.

Photos for the Directory: Craig Eley announced that today is the last day he will be taking photos for the membership directory. Any new member or old member wanting a new photo needed to see him after the meeting for a mug shot.

Member Update: Tom Mauro reported that **Oscar Sorensen** is continuing to recuperate. He is currently at the Brookdale Center in Greenwood Village, located at 6450 S. Boston Street until Wednesday. Via email, **Ron Gustas** sent this picture yesterday with Oscar and his daughter Julie's



dog Jake. Ron noted that Oscar sounded good, seemed alert, and is walking on his own. Julie is work-

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

Hey Gang, Here's this week's "RANT & RAVES vs. ... Tweets" for your readership ...

PAST ... Again, the Strategic Growth Committee was held at the Legion, headed by our own Phil Perington and attended by Lt Governor John Oss, Michael Chavez and myself. This meeting was a special invite to all CO-WY District Presidents and all were in attendance. Again much was discussed on member retention and how to mentor new members. Abigail Nickolas gave a great presentation on just that ... Mentorship. Will get a copy of it to Jim Easton and Tom Glazier.

Great Jr. Golf Presentation on Friday by Ron Cisco, Joe Marci, and Bob Meyer. I may have to pick up some sticks and start playing Par 3 Courses. Still need help with drivers. I met (DTW airport transition from CDR returning to DEN) a Colorado native whose husband is ranked #17 in the world as Long Ball Driver (or whatever the correct terminology). She made a \$1,000 bet with Tim Tebow when they were at a charity event in Florida, that her husband would have a longer drive than he. She won the bet; Tim's drive was a slice of 300+ yards and her husbands was 497 yards straight down the fairway.

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... Rockies Game on Easter (Thanks for the special Invocation by Tom Mauro). Get your tickets from Joe Marci. Don't forget it adds to funding the 64 Jr. Golfers that we are sponsoring this year with a \$5K shortfall.

VP Steve Kady came up with the idea of a Garden Club which I had then mentioned to Governor Linda McDonald at the Strategic Growth meeting. There are some clubs doing that and I have been contacted by a couple of them regarding their participation. Maybe a Club within a Club. Need some advice and help with this! Please contact me if it sparks and interest. More to come.

Follow-up for Frank Middleton. Signup for King Sooper Community Rewards card, MSOC; WA161. Encourage friends and neighbors to use our # since they may not know about it, you will have to explain and even help them on the computer to do it. I plan to have my daughter Cyndi to encourage her apartment dwellers to signup to help increase our footprint.

FUTURE ... 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. Goal; 6 Guests per meeting for April.

Prez Everett

ing on Oscar's next phase.

Zone Oratorical Contest: George Buzick reported that the Zone 6 Oratorical Contest was held last Tuesday, April 2nd right here at the American Legion Hall. The winner was an eleven year old girl from Prairie Middle School representing the DTC Optimist Club. She will be representing Zone 6 in the District Oratorical contest that will be held at the third quarter conference on Saturday, April 27th.

Off to Spain: Jim Easton also has a connection with our guest, **Carl Oss**. Jim thanked Carl for helping to his nephew get into the HVAC business. Jim also announced that he will be missing the next few meetings. He is travelling to Spain to visit his daughter who is studying abroad this semester. Have a safe trip, Jim!

Announcements Continued

Know Brainer: Pat Bush reminded us that The Know Brainer is just three weeks away. The Know Brainer is the Brain Bowl style competition for fifth grade students from the area schools. It will be held on Saturday, April 27th at Hamilton Middle School. Volunteers need to report in at the school by 7:00 a.m. Coffee and a continental breakfast will be provided. We have had an excellent response for help on game day but if you would like to help out, let Pat Bush know, his email pbush@bushreese.com.

Optimist Junior Golf

Tri-chairs, **Bob Meyer, Joe Marci, and Ron Cisco** gave



us an update on the Colorado/Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf program. The upcoming district tournaments are scheduled for Friday, June 7th at Overland Park Golf Course for

the boys aged 10-15; Friday, June 14th at Flatirons Golf Course for the 16-18 year old boys; and Wednesday, June 19th for the 10-18 year old girls. We will need volunteers to escort the golfer on the course as well as registration, score-keeping, and administrative duties. Most of the talk emphasized fund raising as we are sending up to 64 golfers to the

Optimist International Finals at the Trump Doral courses in Florida. It will take approximately \$45,000 to cover all of the costs for the district tournaments a provide financial assistance to the golfer going to Florida. There are several fund raisers scheduled and Bob, Joe and Ron invite all members and their families and guests to participate as much as possible.

An adult golf tournament and silent auction is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4th at the Saddle Rock Golf Course in Aurora. The entry fee is \$125 per person and includes the greens fees, cart, lunch, team prizes including "closest to the pin" on all par threes, longest drives and longest putts on designated holes. The auction prizes will include four-some fee at many of the courses and vacation packages at many of the resorts throughout the state.

There are two Rockies games designated as Junior Golf fundraisers. You can get tickets to the April 21st game against the Phillies and May 26th game against the Orioles. You can purchase tickets on the first level for \$43.00 per seat or on the third level for \$23.00 per seat. A donation is made to the Junior Golf program for each ticket sold.

Tournament sponsorships are available such as title, banner, hole and player sponsorships. Finally, personal donations via the OI foundation "pass-through" program can be made that are tax deductible contributions.

Bob, Joe, and Ron ask all members to help as much as possible by participating in and spreading the word to family, friends, colleagues, and associates. See the flyers attached to the **GUMS** distribution email.

Do We Have a Drawing?

The lucky drawing winners this week included ticket number 091, but nobody claimed it. Proud dad, **John Oss, Craig Eley, and Bob Meyer** won cups of cash. **Jack Kleinheksel** also won a cup of cash then promptly pulled his own number again to double up his take. **Al (1 ticket)**



Gapuzan also won a cup with the only ticket he had. Rumer has it, Al only had 50 cents in change and did not want to break a bill. Finally, **Donlie Smith, Bob Meyer, and Wyatt McCallie** won chances to draw a playing card for the \$60 pot but none of them got that lucky.

Where in the World is Harry Fegley?

Harry writes, *We just got done in India and got to tour one of the slums. It is amazing what the people living there have done with their lives. It is a real good story of what people can do when they are not waiting for a handout but are working to make a life. We also spent a day in Muscat, Oman and it is one of the cleanest cities we have ever seen and quite a testimony to what can be done with a lot of oil money. Both places were very hot - heat wise and it is nice to be at sea for five days where the air is cooler. We are going around the Southeastern tip of Arabia and we are in the sea where a few years ago there were many hijacks of ships by pirates from Somalia. Our ship is well prepared and not one that would be on a hit list as there are far too many crew members to try and overtake compared to a cargo ship.*

Thanks for GUMS and we are getting closer to returning.
Harry

Editor: Harry is at sea today going towards Al 'Aqabah (Petra), Jordan and then on to the Suez Canal Transit, Cruise on April 13, 2019, eventually heading across the Mediterranean Sea to Naples (Pompeii), Italy on the 16th. See what he maybe seeing at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfy0GhFEpzc>

Scouts Venturing Crew 1893 News

Steven Hick provided this update, *Venturing Crew 1893*, chartered December 2018, by the Optimist Club of Monaco South, spent a weekend in the mountains, March 15-17. Four scouts, representing three different area high schools spent the weekend playing in the snow, building quinzhees (snow shelters) and otherwise hanging out. We had one scout from Denver South, one from Englewood, and two from Rocky Mountain School of Expeditionary Learning (RMSEL). Nine more South High Outdoor Adventure Club sophomores spent two days and nights during their spring break at the [University of Denver Field Station](https://www.denverfieldstation.com/) at Echo Lake on Mount Evans. Temperatures were warm and the snow was wet! But a good time was had by all.



April Super Citizen Presenters

Apr 16 @ 2:30	MPB	Paul Gibson
Apr 26 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

Weekly Greeters

4/12/19	Jong Young & Allen Malask
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 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Ryan McCullough, Cub Scout Pack 8023
Apr 18	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
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

2018 - 2019 Officers

President	Everett Gardner	949-246-0984
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2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

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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.