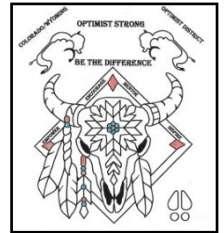




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Good Moring Optimist

A slightly overcast, purple sky greeted those who arose early for today's meeting of the illustrious Monaco South Optimist Club. They were greeted by **Ed Collins** and **Everett Gardner**, soon to be our next President.



Ed Collins & Everett Gardner
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Opening Bell

President **Jim Easton**, fresh back from a visit with his family in Seattle, rang the bell and called the meeting to order. Editor: It was noted that this meeting Prez Easton's halfway point in his term, week 27.

Invocation & Pledge

Prez Jim called on **Randy Marcove**, who was decked out in his Rockies attire, including his undershorts, for the invocation who read an excerpt from a prayer which is appropriate for today's opening of the Colorado Rockies season. The invocation was written by Pastor McCollister of the Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lansing, Michigan. It now hangs in the Baseball Hall of Fame!



"Almighty God, you who are called the great umpire, in this game of life we are unsure as to what uniform we should wear.

While we may be Angels in spirit, in reality we are Giants in pride, Dodgers of responsibility, and Tigers in ambition.

When it comes to faith, we find ourselves in the minor leagues.

When it comes to good works, we strike out.

When it comes to knowledge of your word, we are not even sure of the ground rules.

Therefore, we are thankful for your mercy when we are in foul territory, for your forgiveness when we commit one error

after another, for your uplifting spirit when we are in the pit-falls of a slump.

Oh God, let our game plan be your will and our response a sell-out crowd with standing room only.

And, when our number is retired here on earth, may we head for your home base and rejoice to hear you call out 'safe.'

In the name of Him who gives the final victory to all who believe, Christ Our Lord, Amen."

After the invocation, Randy lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*.

Announcements

Club Secretary: Freshly returned from Costa Rica, **Randy Marcove** apologized for not carrying out his duties as Club Secretary to announce the slate of officers in a timely fashion, but presented the following information with respect to the candidates for the upcoming election:

OCMS will have its 2018-2019 Club elections on 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 Kleinhessel**, **Dan Rodriguez**, and **John Stoffel**.

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.

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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

Opening Game Fund Raiser: Michael Chavez reminded those who were working the Colorado Rockies game today to be there by 11 a.m. This a great fund raiser and an opportunity to enjoy the opening day crowd. See more of this story below.

Senior Moments: Although **Craig Eley** was not present, **Jim Easton**, read a note saying that, "*Bill Blunden will be the speaker for the Senior Moments program on April 24.*" Be sure to sign up if you would like to attend.

Know Brainer: **Pat Bush** announced he is looking for a few more volunteers for the upcoming **Know Brainer**, a fifth-grade version of the Brain Bowl, which will be held at Hamilton Middle School from 10 a.m. until Noon on Saturday, April 28rd. He needs 18 to 20 people to assist with this program.

Colorado Rockies for Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** shared he has another opportunity to support the Junior Golf program. Enjoy the Rockies on Sunday, June 3rd. Rockies will be playing the Dodgers and "no doubt" will be in first place by then. Join **Phil Perington** and twenty of his friends and enjoy! It was mentioned that if he has "twenty of his friends," it is fake news.

Colfax Marathon: **Everett Gardner** shared that the Colfax Marathon offers the club an opportunity to make a cool \$1,200 and we do not even have to run. We will be helping with packet pickup at Mile High Stadium on Friday, May 18th. Everett said, further details are forthcoming, but save the date. We need a lot of people!

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 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. See the distribution email flyer.

DTC Optimist Wine Tasting Fundraiser: **George Buzick** reminded us that the DTC club is having its annual wine tasting. The venue has changed, but the camaraderie and the silent auction will be the same super charged elements they have been in the past. New place is the All Saints Lutheran Church, 15625 E. Iliff Ave, in Aurora. Tickets are available from **Tom Overton, John Oss, Kent Gloor, Paul Bernard**, or at the door. Due to new venue, ticket prices have been reduced from \$35 to \$25. C'Ya there!

Follow Up on the Eagle Scout Banquet & Tri-Star Basketball

Tom Hoch shared a link from Channel 9 for the **Eagle Scout Banquet**, see <https://vimeo.com/261636144>.

And a link to his Tri-Star video, see <https://vimeo.com/261655923>.

Should you like to see all of Tom's MSOC's video's, go to his Album @ <https://vimeo.com/album/2654384>.

To see **Craig Eley's** pictures taken during the **Tri-Star CO-WY District Finals** at the Pepsi Center, go to

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/b00YDBjKogqquxo2r2>. Here you will find pictures of all the competitors.



Follow Up on Monaco South at Rockies Opening Day

Michael Chavez shared, "... to all 47 Monaco South Optimist volunteers at the Rockies Opening Day, Thank You — Everyone who came out and braved the cold on Friday to know you made this a great success. We were honored to even have the Rockies owner/general partner **Charles Monfort** stop by to lend his support.

Overall, we handed out 50,000 rally towels. At 1:00 p.m. the team announced that the team's home opener was delayed. It had originally been scheduled to start at 2:10 p.m. Friday afternoon. The first pitch was pushed back to 3:10 p.m. and the game went on despite the snow, wind and cold. The only problem was that the Colorado Rockies lost to the Atlanta Braves, 8 to 3."



From Right to left: Joe Marci, Jon Wachter, Charles Monfort, Jon Wachter sister, Greg Young, Wendy Weather, a Bradley School teacher and her Friend.

Photo Michael Chavez

Guest

We had one guest this morning, **Jed Ziegenhagen**. Jed was introduced by **Harry Arkin**. Jed is Deputy Medicaid Director for Long-Term Services and Supports for the State of Colorado and lives in Denver. Welcome Jed! Hope to see you back!

Drawing

As the money in the pot increases, so does the participation. Many bought tickets today, but two individuals doubled up on winnings this week. First, your Editor, **George Buzick**, won twice and drew **Tom Hoch's** name. As the drawing continued Tom's name was called again. In addition, **John Greene**, our guest **Jed Ziegenhagen**, and **Jack Kleinhessel** were winners, but nobody was able to draw the King of Hearts and win the \$30 pot. Even "Lucky **Oscar Sorensen**" was not able to draw the right card, even though he was wearing his nametag.



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Holly Champion

Colorado Section of the PGA, Junior Golf Director

Bob Meyer introduced our speaker, Holly Champion of the Junior Gold Alliance of Colorado (JGAC). A part of the Colorado Section of the PGA and the Colorado Golf Association. Bob says that Holly has been an invaluable asset in maintaining the quality of Colorado's young golfers and supporting the Optimist Junior World Golf Tournament, most particularly to the Colorado-Wyoming District.

According to Holly, the JGAC was established in 2016 by the Colorado Section of the PGA and the Colorado Golf Association. From their website www.juniorgolfcolorado.org:

The JGAC serves as a vehicle for collaboration in the arena of junior golf in the state of Colorado for parents, kids, coaches and PGA Professionals by streamlining the junior golf process, filling in the voids, further building the junior golf ranks, and creating new excitement with the four Major Championships: Colorado Junior Amateur Championship, Colorado PGA Junior



Joe Marci with Holly Champion

Championship, Colorado Junior Match Play Championship and JGAC Tour Championship.

Holly shared that, in addition to being your one-stop shop for competitive junior golf our Player Development Pathway embraces the core programs of each association including Golf in Schools; PGA Junior League; Drive, Chip, & Putt Championship; partner-



Holly Champion

Photos Noel Hasselgren

ships with in-state national qualifying events, instructional camps, and clinics, plus much more. Additionally, we serve as your portal to college golf with a vast array of free counseling opportunities and assistance with programs.

Holly also said that the PGA US Senior Open will be held at the Broadmoor the last week in June and that they need volunteers. There are two shifts per day and you can get a free ticket for the gallery on the day you

volunteer. Check with Bob Meyer for contact information.

A bit about Holly, Holly is an Illinois native and grew up on a family farm with a passion for golf. She has been in the golf business since 2008 when she volunteered as a Junior Golf Coach for the youth program at Mattoon Golf and Country Club in Mattoon, Illinois. Holly graduated from Methodist University with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration and concentrations in PGA Golf Management and Resort Management. She was also part of the MU National Championship Women's Golf Team. Upon graduating from Methodist she was elected as a PGA Member in April of 2013. Holly has a strong passion for growing the game, particularly with junior golfers. Some of her experience with juniors includes creating a multi-tiered instructional Junior Golf Academy, coaching a PGA Junior League team, leading summer junior golf camps, and working as a Tournament Coordinator for the Illinois Junior Golf Association. Holly is married to Scott and they have two dogs.

More information about the **Optimist Junior Golf Program** go to <http://www.optimist.org/golf/>.

Help Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf to raise \$40,000 to Send 46 Colorado Junior Golfers to THE 2018 OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS --
CLICK HERE: [CO-WY District Optimist Junior Golf](#)

April Super Citizen Presenters

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

Weekly Greeters

4/13/18	Don Roth & Joe Marci
4/20/18	George Buzick & ?
4/27/18	Al Gapuzan & ?

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

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

Apr 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
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
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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
Mark Metevia	1994-95	Michael Chavez	2015-16
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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.