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Good Morning Optimists Greeters

On a beautiful Colorado Friday morning, **Greg Young and Don Thomson** had warm greetings for the men of Monaco South. And, it is Opening Day for the Colorado Rockies here in the Mile High City, at Coors Field.



Greg Young & Don Thomson
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Phil Perington arrived in full uniform, his optimism for the new season on full display. He'll be at the game, and will be available if a short reliever is needed. In 25 seasons, the Rockies first game of the season has been in Denver only 7 times, vs. 18 times on the road. Editor, "I guess the schedule makers think that waiting one additional week in April reduces the chances of snow."



Here's a list of the Starting Pitchers in each season opener for the Rox's - remember all of these names?

1993 David Reid - L	2006 Jason Jennings - W
1994 Armando Reynoso - L	2007 Aaron Cook - L
1995 Bill Swift - W	2008 Kip Wells - W
1996 Kevin Ritz - W	2009 Aaron Cook - L
1997 Kevin Ritz - L	2010 Ubaldo Jiménez - W
1998 Darryl Kile - W	2011 Ubaldo Jiménez - L
1999 Darryl Kile - W	2012 Jeremy Guthrie - W
2000 Pedro Astacio - L	2013 Jhoulys Chacín - L
2001 Mike Hampton - W	2014 Jorge De La Rosa - L
2002 Mike Hampton - L	2015 Kyle Kendrick - W
2003 Jason Jennings - L	2016 Jorge De La Rosa - W
2004 Shawn Estes - W	2017 Jon Gray - W
2005 Joe Kennedy - W	

W or L for win / loss

Do you know what all of these pitchers have in common? None are in the Hall of Fame.

A national event, **Opening Day** has also become a "political pitcher's" arena for U.S. Presidents to show their "stuff." On April 14, 1910, President, and baseball enthusiast, William Howard Taft attended the home opener in Washington D.C. Since then, eleven sitting U.S. presidents have tossed out the season's ceremonial first pitch. One standout, Harry S. Truman, showcased his ambidextrous talent when he threw out balls with both his right and left arm in 1950.

Invocation & Pledge

Perry Allen began our meeting with an invocation asking the question: "Where does happiness come from? Reflecting on that and finding the real reasons will help us uphold our creed and be too happy to permit the presence of trouble." He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

From the Prez

President Craig Eley started the meeting with a few announcements. He asked **Ed Leuty** to come forward to receive a lapel pin in recognition of his efforts at the Habitat project from a few weeks back.

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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.

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 Continued

Everett Gardner was also called to the front to receive a pin for his work on the local Tri-Star basketball event. (See more below.)

President Craig then reminded us of the current slate of candidates the 2017-2018 Club Officer's the and nomination process. (See page 1 for details.)

President Craig also mentioned that the "Second Honeymoon" getaway in Glenwood Springs would be September 7th through the 11th. Many have already signed up, but if interested in joining everyone, see Craig for details.

Guest

At the call for Guests, **Steve Kady** introduced his guest from the [Colorado Auto Show](#) and principal/owner of [The Interpro Group](#), **Jim Czupor**. Jim serves as a PR person for the auto show, which is the 3rd oldest auto show in the country after NY and Chicago. It began in 1902, and this year's even goes through this weekend. Jim brought with him six pairs of tickets to give away, so



Jim Czupor, on right,
with Craig Eley.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Prez Craig conducted a quick drawing. The lucky winners were **Keith Gallaway, Oscar Sorensen, Bill Blunden, Jon Wachter, Paul Stratton, and Paul Gibson.**

March & April Birthday's Recognized

The March birthday boy's received a belated serenade, while the harmonious serenade was shared with the April BD's, since they were overlooked last month. As usual, the "Happy Birthday" song never sounded quite like this! The March BD's were **Paul Bernard, Carl Brown, Paul Gibson, David Moore, John Oss, Ralph Pedersen, and David Telpner.** And the April BD's are **Dick Nickoloff, Ricardo Ortiz, Phil Perington, Jim Piccinelli, Don StJohn, and your GUMS editor Paul Stratton.**



Announcements

9 Health Fair: **Jon Wachter** passed around the sign up for the 9 News Health Fair. It will be at the Schlessman Family YMCA on Sunday, April 23rd. Jon 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.

Sullivan Scholarship's: **Joe Marci** announced that the Sullivan scholarship program has received 30 to 40 applications. Next Friday, April 14th, Joe would like some help reading through the applications. Please stay after our morning meeting if you can help. Joe expects this will take approximately an one-hour.

JDRF Dream Gala: **Ron Gustas** gave a reminder that the JDRF gala is next Friday the 14th. Ron needs help moving items for the event and in setting up. Several members have signed up. It usually takes about 3 hours. Contact Ron if you are able to help.

ADA Camp Colorado: **Ron Gustas** also reminded us that T1DOC assisting in sending kids to American Diabetes Association Camp Colorado, diabetes camp and thanked MSOC for support. The T1DOC Optimist Club's on Line Auction is May 12th auction and are still collecting items to auction off. Contact Ron if you have a donation that you would like to make to the auction.

New Aurora Optimist Club: **Curt Merrill** announced that the new club, *Difference Makers in Aurora*, is off to a great start. They are having a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, May 6th at Applebee's, 14091 E. Iliff Ave. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for kids. Contact Merrill @ 303-589-3000.

Tri-Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** shared his thanks again for assistance with Tri-Star basketball this year. The finals were held on Sunday, March 26th at the Pepsi Center. One hundred and twenty-one kids, from across the state, participated, with 36 winners. Michael thanked **Phil Perington, Craig Eley, John Greene, Keith Gallaway, John Bamford, and Mike McMahon** with his sons.



Photo Michael Chavez



Photo Phil Perington

Above, the finalists in the 2017 CO-WY Tri-Star Basketball Competition at the Denver Pepsi Center.

At left, Mike McMahon, Molly & Fred Cachon (Englewood) and Mike Chavez putting on their game faces for Tri-Star kids.

[Click here for Monaco South Optimists Host Tri-Star Basketball video by Tom Hoch.](#)

Super Citizen Program: **Robert Wardlaw** wants all of the Super Citizen school representatives to know that the 2016 Charlie Korsoski Award winners are available, for each school's plaque. Please contact Robert to get yours and present it to the school staff.



Weekly Drawing

After **Scott Walker's** big win last week, there was a modest \$20 in the pot. The lucky optimist who could find the *Five of Hearts* could take it home. The safe money cups went to: **Steve Kady, Paul Stratton, Tom Glazier, Bryce Slaby, Don Thomson, and Pat Bush.**

Paul Gibson and Tom Hoch were the last winners, and tried for the \$20, but the cards went against them.

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Optimist International Junior Golf

CO-WY District Program

Ron Cisco, Joe Marci, & Bob Meyer

Bob Meyer, CO-WY Junior Golf district chair and tri-chairman, **Joe Marci** and **Ron Cisco** were our speakers today, to give us an update and overview of the Optimist Junior Golf Program. Over 700 kids from 25 different countries will compete this year at the PGA national.

Our club sponsored 26 qualifying golfer's last year, and at least in part to our success, we now have spots for 41 qualifying kids this year.

There are several programs that raise funds to support the CO-WY golfers. Ron Cisco reported that at the two qualifying events (see flyer attached to GUMS distribution email), hole sponsorship's can be had for \$100 and two or more companies or individuals can split a sponsorship. Also, our club members shared in staffing a booth at the 2017 Denver Golf Expo in February. The Denver Golf Expo booth assists with promoting the program and in attracting donations. The District Optimist Junior Golf Program is totally self-funded.

Once again this year there are discounted Rockies tickets available, with a portion of each ticket going to Junior Golf (see attached flyer). The first Rockies game is Sunday, May 28st with the St. Louis Cardinals, and the second



Ron Cisco, Joe Marci, & Bob Meyer

is Sunday, July 9th against the Chicago White Sox. For information about obtaining tickets for either of those Rockies games talk to Joe Marci at 303-771-3748.

Bob, Ron, and Joe would like to again give each of the qualifying junior golfer's the same amount of financial support as in the past, but this may not be possible due to the increased numbers. At the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, which is held at the PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, in July and August, golfer's are housed at a 4 star resort, their greens fees, and a meal package. More information about the Colorado-Wyoming District Optimist Junior Golf Program can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/cowyoooptimistgolf/> and the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at <http://www.optimist.org/golfmenu.cfm>.

Contact Joe, Bob, or Ron with questions or if you are interested in supporting this program.

Last year MSOC members **Barry Barker** and **Cap Hermann** even made the trip to Palm Beach Gardens after helping out with District Program.

See the *Optimist Junior Golf: Bringing Out the Best in Kids and Golf* video clip at <https://youtu.be/BSV0h3ayZe8>.

Weekly Drawing Continued

For the Nametag drawing, **Tom Glazier's** name was called and he was wearing the proper nametag, but no luck in finding that *Five of Hearts*.



As a consolation prize, he started us off on the creed:
PROMISE YOURSELF....



Member Pick

Gary Miller, Friday morning cashier and MPB Super Citizen Representative provides a smile after learning there is a lot of news on the GUMS distribution email and on the OCMS website @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/>.

Check them out!



Gary Miller
Photo Noel Hasselgren

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

4/14/17	Jesse Carter & Ron Cisco
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 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Michelle Jeske, Denver Public Librarian
Apr 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie & Election for 2016-2017 Officers & Directors (Members interested contact Paul Stratton, Chair of Nominating Committee, or Craig Eley, President)
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
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

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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.