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Good Morning Optimist This weeks updated version

Steve Kady wanted me to note that the meeting was called to order at precisely 7:02:43 this morning implying that we started late. Your editor did not have the heart to tell him that he is in a different time zone. **Brian Wilson** and **George Buzick** were our scheduled greeters but neither made it into the meeting. However, **Russ Paul** and **Tom Mauro** were very capable stand-ins.



Left, a special greeting for Noel Hasselgren, our photographer, from President Craig Eley as they greet Frank Ross.

Below, Russ Paul and Tom Mauro take over the greeter duties as Tom Kramis enjoys his coffee.



Invocation & Pledge

Robert Wardlaw delivered the invocation this morning. In his delivery, he shared, *"the youth will judge our work and it is they who will keep what is deemed worthy and they will discard those that don't measure up."*

Guests

We had several guests this morning including past member Frank Ross, in from Pennsylvania. Past

member and now Wheat Ridge Club President-elect Ross Parrent was back to visit. He brought fellow Wheat Ridge member Roger Hutton.

Tim Settle, a guest of **Jon Wachter's**, was back for his last visit. Tim was later inducted as Monaco South's newest member, but more on that later.

Welcome to all of our guests. You are all welcome back at any time!

Announcements

Need for New Members: President **Craig Eley** reminded all members that we are in the middle of our drive to earn honor club status. We are just about a half dozen new members away from meeting that requirement. Craig asks that we continue to keep looking for guests to invite to the meetings and projects.

South by Southeast Festival: **Greg Young** made a last plea for volunteers for the South by Southeast Festival. The festival is Saturday, August 19th in Bible Park. It runs from 10:00 a.m. and goes to 8:00 p.m. Greg still needed help for the 4:30 – 8:00 shift.

Tree Trimming at Schlessman Family YMCA: **Steve Kady** reports, that you might recall, a week ago he asked for a "volunteer" to trim trees at the Schlessman YMCA so that they could park buses properly without damaging them.

Tom Kramis, the club's only professional tree trimmer, volunteered. So Tom brought his ladder, safety helmet with protective earphones and his protective goggles this past Wednesday and went to work. He was assisted by Kelly McMeeking the Y's Senior Program Director, along with Jolene Funkhouser, Program Coordinator and fellow club member, and Executive Director **Neil Alderson**. As you can see, Neil Alderson was not really dressed for tree trimming, but offered a great deal of moral support. Plus, he did buy lunch!

The Y has been forced to rent spaces to park their buses. So they went to the Garment District for the spaces. The problem was with a homeowner behind

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

the fence who would not trim their trees. Those parking spaces are not cheap, so rather than try to get the owner to trim them the Y took it upon themselves to trim what was hanging on their side of the fence.

It took master trimmer Kramis about an hour and half along with his very sharp chain saw to down the large branches. Like any other tree trimming job, it leaves a very large mess. Members of the Y have cleaned up the area and the buses are much easier to park all thanks to Tom Kramis, master trimmer.



Alzheimer's Walk: The Alzheimer's Walk is scheduled for September 16th. **Cap Hermann** is looking for volunteers to handle "meet and greet" duties for the Walk. Volunteers need to be at City Park by 6:30 a.m. and will be working until about 10:00 a.m. Cap will have more information as the event draws closer.

Rockies Handouts: The T1D Optimist Club is working the Rockies handouts this Sunday, August 20th. **Ron Gustas** indicated they still need two or three people to get to the 35-minimum needed. They will report to Coors Field at 10:15 a.m. and can get \$1.00 parking.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: Ron Gustas also reminded member that he needs help setting up the JDFR Walk One out at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Set up for the walk will be done on Saturday morning on September 9th from 9:00 to about noon. He also needs help loading a truck at the JDFR offices the day before on Friday, September 8th. The JDFR offices are located at 2727 Bryant Street.

Dime-A-Day: **Perry Allen** would like to make one last push for the Dime-A-Day program before the end of the optimist year. He reports that we are close to the top spot for donations. Members can earn their Dime-A-Day pins by making a \$36.50 (one dime each day of the year) donation to the OI Foundation. Members are

not limited to just one donation. **John Oss** is just one donation away from being a ten-time Dime-A-Day member for the current year. Perry says we have just six more weeks to make the number one spot. He has pins for those members that have already donated.



Greeters Needed: **Joe Marci** reporting for **Jon Wachter** (who is on his way to Cleveland) said that greeters for September and October are needed. He is sending around a sign-up sheet over the next couple of meetings.

Wheat Ridge Optimist Club 60th Anniversary: **Ross Parrent** introduced his fellow Wheat Ridge Optimist Club member **Roger Hutton**. Roger invited all Monaco South members to attend their 60th Anniversary Celebration. It will be held on Saturday, September 30th at the Wheat Ridge Recreation Center, 4055 Kipling Street. They will have a donation bar from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner and program lasting to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Give Roger a call at (720) 415-4824 by September 15th or go to their website at <https://www.wheatridgeoptimist.org/>.

Optimism & Officer Installation Banquet: Do not forget our own Celebrate Optimism and Officer Installation Banquet will be held at Heather Gardens on September 16th. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. Michael Chavez will be passing around a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks and will let us know the program headliners as they become available.

Farewell to 2017 Peaches: **Tom Glaizer** wanted to recognize and thank Dr. **Bob Finkelmeier** and his wife for bringing in those fine Palisade Peaches to market once a year. Unfortunately, no more peaches are available, due to this year's wacky weather this past spring. Dr. Bob has been importing Palisade peaches for Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist members for many years.

It was discovered that Bob is very thankful to all who bought peaches this year. Even with the smaller volumes in the aftermath of the spring freezes that hit growers in and around Palisade, this fundraiser was successful. Selling just over 200 boxes of peaches to the Tamarac Optimist ladies who received \$490, while Monaco South earned \$945 to support their ongoing youth programs.

King Soopers Card: **Greg Young** reminded us all about the King Soopers and Safeway gift cards. Using these cards cost members absolutely nothing but 5% of all purchases made with the cards come's to Monaco South to help fund the many projects that we do. The cards are safer than credit cards in that they can't be skimmed. They can be refilled, but if you need a new card just see Greg.

New Member Induction: **Craig Eley** inducted **Tim Settle** into the club as a new member. Tim is an attorney and the Director, Employment Law Services for Mountain States Employers Council, now official called

the Employers Council. **Jon Wachter** was Tim's sponsor. Jon had to fly to Cleveland this morning so Randy Marcove stood in for Jon and presented Tim with his membership certificate and pin. Congratulations Tim and welcome to Monaco South! We all look forward to getting to know you better!



From left, Randy Marcove, Tim Settle, and President Craig Eley.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Principals to Breakfast

Robert Wardlaw hosted our "Principals to Breakfast" meeting this morning. He reviewed a brief history of the program stating that **Charlie Korsoski** and several other members started it in the early 1980's. See the history attached to GUMS distribution email. In the beginning, we were in three schools, Southmoor, Samuels, and Holm Elementary. Through the years other schools have been added or dropped. Our currently active schools are Samuels, Holm, Most Precious Blood, McMeen, Bradley International, Highline Academy, Lowry, Slavens and Hamilton Middle. Past chairmen for the program since Charlie have been **Gerald Davis**, **Don Thomson** and now **Robert Wardlaw** who has run it over the last couple of years. In the beginning Charlie's wife used to make all of the certificates using her calligraphy skills.



Robert Wardlaw

Bob Finkelmeier took over of laser printing of the certificates in about 1987, when Charlie's wife said she could no longer do it. Each school has a coordinator and a support team including an assistant coordinator and a photographer.

This morning we had representatives from McMeen and Hamilton Middle. Since school has already started with staff meetings, etc., other school representatives were unable to attend.

Don Thomson has been the school coordinator for McMeen for over 25 years. Don introduced McMeen Principal Dave Adams and Assistant Principal Marti Rosenberg. This will be Dave's first year at McMeen. He graduated from Michigan State and worked in Florida and Georgia prior to coming to Colorado. Dave said he is looking forward to working with Monaco South Optimist Club and the Super Citizen program.



Dave Adams

Tom Mauro is the long-time school coordinator for Hamilton Middle School. **Karl Geil** is also heavily involved and his wife, Leslie Meyer, is the Super Citizen lesion at Hamilton. Tom introduced Principal Christian Sawyer and Carolyn Leahy from Hamilton. Christian has been the principal at Hamilton for a few years now. He told a story about their outreach program where he goes to the homes of students to meet their parents. At one home, he was asked to come inside and the parent showed Christian the Super Citizen award that had been won previously by a sibling of the Hamilton student. It was on display in the home as inspiration for the other children.



Christian Sawyer

Welcome to the staff members of McMeen and Hamilton. We look forward to another great year in both schools. The principals of both schools were presented with a check of \$100.00 from our school supply program.

Drawing Winners

The pot is up to \$50.00 and there are only seven cards from which to draw. **Dick Nickoloff** was the first winner and he chose to draw a card but came up empty. Leslie Meyer from Hamilton Middle School and **Karl Geil's** better half was our second winner. She went for the cards but unfortunately was the second loser. Karl Geil won but was not eligible for drawing cards since the two chances had been taken so he, like the remaining winners, had to take a cup of cash. Other winners included, **Jim Easton**, **Jack Kleinhessel**, **Craig Eley**, Frank Ross and Frank Ross again. **Randy Marcove** got a chance at the cards since he was wearing his name badge but he also struck out.

The big pot grows for next week!

Weekly Greeters

8/25/17	Allen Malask & John Swick
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Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Aug 23	Wed	6:30 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Aug 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Ken Wigg, Second Wind Fund
Sept 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Sept 7-9			Second Honeymoon Getaway to Glenwood Springs, CO
Sept 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Barb Babby, Alzheimer's Walk
Sept 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day

**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 Strowbridge	1993-94	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Mark Metevia	1994-95	John Oss	2014-15
Bob Safe	1995-96	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.