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Good Morning Optimists

It was a beautiful morning today this first Friday of August. Our Greeters this morning were **Karl Geil** and **Tom Glazier**.



Tom Glazier & Karl Geil share the greeter duties this morning; however, Heather Mulqueen could not resist the ballerina pose for the photographers moment.

Photo Noel Hasselgren.

On this day in history:

- ♦ In 216BC, Hannibal Barca of Carthage having marched a great army, complete with war-elephants, over the Alps for a land invasion of Italy two years before, the Carthaginian commander routs the Romans at the Battle of Cannae, an engagement that historians will claim "set the lines of military tactics for 2,000 years."
- ♦ In 1964, the Pentagon reports that North Vietnamese torpedo boats fired on the USS Maddox as it patrolled off the north coast of Vietnam in the Gulf of Tonkin. The incident will result in a rapid escalation of the Vietnam War but questions about the Pentagon's report will linger. See US Naval Institute @ <https://www.usni.org/magazines/naval-history-magazine/2008/february/truth-about-tonkin>

First Bell

President **Everett Gardner**, having returned from his travels, is back and rings the bell promptly at 7 a.m.

Invocation & Pledge

Eldon Strong reads the invocation today. *"Merciful God help us to spread the word of Optimism. As life presents us with challenges, it is up to us to spread the good intentions that our Optimism implores us to have. For*

The Pledge of Allegiance



"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

each interaction, help us to look positively on our own outlook and the bright nature we can provide." Eldon then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Dime-A-Day: **Perry Allen** encourages members to donate to the Dime A Day Program. One dime a day comes out to \$36.50 and your check supports Childhood Cancer research, and other programs that OI has directed. Perry tells us we are short of the annual goal for this program. Do not forget, for each member making ten donations this year (\$365.00), Perry will make a matching \$36.50 donation for up to ten members. He has committed to a \$365.00 donation himself if ten other members make the same level of donations.



Principals to Breakfast: **Robert Wardlaw** updates members that Principals to Breakfast will be Friday, August 16th. The new school year is fast approaching and our club seeks Principals, Vice Principals, or school representatives for the 8 elementary and middle schools we work with for the Super Citizen program. Super Citizen school coordinators need to contact their respective school and extend an invitation. They are:

- Bradley, Jon Wachter
- Hamilton, Tom Mauro
- Holm, Donlie Smith
- Lowry, Paul Stratton
- McMeen, Don Thomson
- MPB, Gary Miller
- Samuels, Kent Gloor
- Slavens, Tom Hoch

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: **Paul Bernard** recaps the recent Pancake Breakfast volunteers who helped with the Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast. Brent's Place is a long-term home away from home for children and families with cancer or other life-threatening illnesses while they receive treatment at local hospitals. In 1987, Brent Eley, age 13, was diagnosed with a fast-growing malignant cancer. Donn and Linda Eley had to travel to Iowa City for Brent to receive a bone marrow transplant - the treatment that offered the most hope for a cure. Sadly, after 162 days the Eley's return home without Brent.

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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

In 1988, the first Kids Cure for Cancer event was held in Brent's honor. In 1997, Brent's parents establish the Brent Eley foundation. In 1988, the first Brent's Place facility opened with five apartments to fill the needs in the Denver area for safe-clean accommodations suitable for patients following bone marrow transplants. In 2009, Brent's Place opens its new state of the art 18-unit facility in Aurora, just blocks away from the new Children's Hospital Colorado and Anschutz Medical Campus. In 2017, Brent's Place opened a second building on the Aurora campus. Within ten days, the new building was filled with families desperately seeking support.

Monaco South and Tamarac Optimist have been volunteering to support this pancake breakfast funding event. Brent's Place as of today have raised \$72,000 dollars with most donations coming from individuals and corporations, their goal was \$80,000.

South Monaco Optimist club members who volunteered include **Mike White, George Buzick, Ed Collins, Jim Easton, Keith Galloway, Phil Perington, Don Roth, Bryce Slaby, Tracy Sorensen, Eldon Strong, Gary Strowbridge, Don Thomson, and Alan Pierce.**

Don StJohn Update: John Oss reports that he recently visited with **Don StJohn** and has been inspired by his continuing attitude and positive outlook, despite his health issues. **Char StJohn** is also supporting Don along with the whole family.



Don StJohn

Junior Golf Update

Via email **Bob Meyer** provided an update by Gary Baines on the final results of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship. Gary writes:

"Colorado junior golfers apparently can hit the ball a long ways — and not only at altitude.

That's one lesson that comes out of the just-completed Optimist International Junior Golf Championship, held at Trump National Doral in Miami. In addition to the event featuring traditional competitions held for boys and girls in



various age groups, there are long-drive contests. And out of the seven gender/age divisions, an eye-opening three were won by Coloradans. And Coloradans went three-for-four in the long-drive contests on the boys side.

Rhett Johnson of Littleton was the latest champion, com-

ing in the last of the three phases of the event in Florida. Johnson hit a drive of 272 yards to win the boys 16-18 long drive. Oh, and by the way, the runner-up was also from Colorado, Christopher Kennedy of Aurora (268 yards).

Joining Johnson as Optimist International long-drive champions from Colorado were the previously-reported Gage Messingham of Arvada (298 yards in boys 14-15) and Gavin Amella of Castle Rock (242 yards in boys 10-11).

Meanwhile, here are how the Coloradans from the oldest age groups fared this week in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship, see <https://www.coloradogolf.org/tee-it-high-let-it-fly/>

Summiting Mt Bierstadt

In another email, **Tom Kramis** writes, *"While summiting Mt Bierstadt with my son Cooper and his South High Scholl tennis team at 9:15 a.m. this Friday morning, I ran into a familiar happy MSOC Optimist, John Scarborough! No wonder why he missed meeting this morn-*



Photos Tom Kramis

ing. I guess that's why I did too.

John Scarborough was raising money for Denver Kids in need of food. They raised 65K yesterday! I forgot name of charity but was proud to hear his climb was for needy kids. The trail was packed with these gracious souls."



Friday Baseball Quote

"I don't want this to be all about me; it must've been scary for the 7-year-olds, seeing their parents on the field. I don't want them to have the idea that baseball is like that. I want them to have the idea that baseball is a great game, to love the game." - Josh Cordova, 13

Editor's Notes: If you haven't seen the vid yet of the



parents fighting at the 7-year old baseball game ... it's disgusting. But this 13-year old ump was the class of

the place. A mature young lad, who loves and respects this great game.

Denver Post: After Sunday morning's thrill of meeting Major League umpires, such as Chris Guccione,

Weekly Greeters

Sign-Up with Jon Wachter to be a greeter, it is a good way to meet members.

8/9/19	Jim VanderKamp & Bob Avery
8/16/19	Ed Collins & Phil Perington
8/23/19	?

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Aug 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Bob Meyer, Junior Golf Kids Update
Aug 15	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Aug 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals from Super Citizens Schools
Aug 16-18		8:00 am	CO-WY District Convention, Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main, Pueblo, CO
Aug 17	Sat	10-7 pm	South By Southeast, Bible Park, 6600 E. Yale
Aug 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Aug 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: John Paterson, Volunteer Coordinator, Brent's Place
Sept 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Sept 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: One Hundred Percent Day
Sept 14	Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Walk to End, City Park East, 2001 Colorado Blvd.
Sept 19	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room

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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		
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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.