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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Good Morning Optimists

President **Bob Meyer** rang the bell to get us zooming, and then led the invocation. It was on the topic of promoting an active interest in government affairs.



Let us not take our freedoms for granted. We have opportunities to inspire today's youth to become involved in determining their leadership, for they shall be the governors of the future. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

This Day in History

Today, August 21st is National Senior Citizens' Day and National Spumoni Day.



Birthdays on this Date: American Gangster Bugs Moran, 1891; Sports Announcer Jack Buck, 1924; Wilt Chamberlain, 1936; Kenny Rogers, 1938; and 3-time Olympic gold medal winner in 100m and 200m Usain Bolt, 1986.

Major Events on this Date: 1878, American Bar Association is organized; 1897, First Oldsmobile is built; 1911, "Mona Lisa" is stolen from the Louvre (recovered 2 years later); 1931, Babe Ruth hits his 600th home run, 1931; Walt Disney's animated movie "Bambi" is released, 1942; First Gap store is opened, 1969; Voyager 2 begins fly-by of the planet Neptune, 1989; 74,155 fires caused by land clearing are burning in the Amazon rain forest, 2019; and American golfer Scottie Scheffler makes birdie on 4 of final 5 holes to become 12th player in PGA Tour history to shoot 59 in 2nd round of the Northern Trust at TPC Boston, 2020.



Scottie Scheffler

From the Prez

Last night the Club's Board of Directors had a virtual meeting. Some of the items discussed are:

Respect for Law: **Steve Kady** discussed the Respect for Law program. He is going to reach out to the Denver police and traffic division with a goal of honoring 7 officers this year.

Boys and Girls Club: At the meeting, **Don and Joyce Thomson** gave a presentation regarding a possible South-east Denver Boys and Girls Club. They have been looking at finding a standalone building vs. an in-school program. Right now, Denver Public Schools has a hold on allowing outside

groups in their facilities. Obviously working with an existing facility would be less costly than a new building, but still significant. They are looking to partner with a Denver sports team to gain support. **Kendra Black** has met with Joyce and is aware of the project as well.

CO-WY Junior Golf: **Prez Bob** reported that 76 golfers are now registered for the Junior Golf Tournament at Green Valley Ranch. The dates of the tournament are October 17th and 18th. Volunteers will be needed. He also shared that he is turned in 110 rounds of golf at Bear Dance Golf Club in 2020. Editor, *now we know what Bob Meyer does when he is not handling club business.*

Announcements

Blood Drive: **Prez Bob** has been looking into blood drives to which **Greg Young** shared that the YMCA blood drives are coming up soon. There will be one on Thursday, August 27th at the Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale and one will be at the Littleton YMCA, 11 W. Dry Creek Ct. in Littleton. Both will be from 10:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. You need to schedule an appointment via Vitalant Blood Donation page, [CLICK HERE](#), log in and search the website using your zip code.



COVID-19 Relief Fund: **Greg Young** also reported that the club has established a COVID-19 relief fund. If you know of a member who might need help in these pandemic times, or if you would like to add to the fund, please contact Greg.

Russ Paul Update: **Gary Miller** reported that Russ suffered a light stroke a week or so ago. Gary had a good conversation with him and is going to talk with him some more regarding some issues with his apartment manager. *Get well soon Russ!*



Neil Alderson Update: **Jack Kleinhessel** reported that



Neil Alderson is no longer at the YMCA, having been let go by the new CEO. Jack says a pattern of personnel shakeups often take place when there are leadership changes at the Y. The suggestion was made that we send a letter, with a positive tone, to the chairmen of the board of trustees of the Y thanking Neil and the YMCA for their work in the community. **George Bozick** will talk to Neil's sponsor, **Tom Overton**, to get some information on Neil's accomplishments that the letter can reference. Meanwhile, think of Neil if you are aware of job opportunities that could be a fit for him. *Best of luck on your next adventure Neil!*

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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*****

Presidential Rants & Raves



Bob Meyer

We had another successful MSOC weekly membership meeting on Friday with about 45 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for an hour. The link for the recurring meetings is the same for all of our Friday morning meetings and is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299870918?pwd=ZkdTQlJhbmwzcW9KV2k3RjJwZW55QT09>.

I am still asking for suggestions on what you would like to discuss at future Club meetings. Please let me know.

The Monaco South Optimist Club Board of Directors' meeting was held via Zoom on Thursday evening, August 20th. Some of the items we discussed included ...

I received an email from OI President **Adrian Elcock** announcing the launch of an Optimist First Responder Membership Incentive. The email is posted elsewhere in this GUMS issue. **Jack Kleinheksel** said he would enroll his son, who is an advanced EMT, as a new Club member under this incentive.

Steve Kady talked about "Respect for Law" and said he would solicit nominees from the six Denver Police District and the Traffic Bureau. Plaques will be given out during a daily roll call and Friend of Optimist membership applications will be obtained from the seven winners with the Club paying FOO fees. We will also provide information to DPD about the First Responder Membership Incentive. If you know of any First Responders interested in becoming Club members, please send them the First Responders Membership application located elsewhere in this GUMS issue.

Dan Rodriguez talked about conducting a \$10,000 prize raffle as an additional fundraiser. Also, Dan Rodriguez and I will be forming a President's Advisory Committee to help Dan during his 2020-2021 term as Club President.

The Denver Area YMCA's are holding blood drives on August 27th at Schlessman Y and at the Littleton Y on August 29th. Both blood drives will run from 10:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Please consider donating blood.

I am forming a committee to select the 2019-2020 Marlin Kent Eternal Optimist Award.

Don and Joyce Thomson talked about building a Boys and Girls' Club in SE Denver.

Registration for the Optimist Junior Tour event at Green Valley Ranch in October continues and, as of Friday morning, we had 76 junior golfers already registered. Typically, we will have 85 to 100 competitors for the event, so it looks we are well on our way to reach those numbers again with about two months until the tournament date.

Greg Young was our guest speaker at Friday's meeting. He did another training session on how to best use the MSOC website.

Tom Glazier reported another breakfast get-together will be held next Wednesday, August 26th, at 9 a.m. at Café du France Express, 4155 E Jewell Avenue. Please contact Tom if you are planning on attending. All are welcome!

Pat Bush, Gary Miller, and Joe Marci provided updates on other possible locations for in-person meetings. Calvary Baptist and Bethany Lutheran Churches have perfectly sized rooms for meetings. It just remains to be seen when they will be available during/after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, the MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new members and forward their membership applications and checks to **Greg Young** for the Board to vote on. My "replacement" time share week is available as the prize for the member who brings in the newest members before September 30th. Come on guys, we need new members! Currently, we sit at 121 Club members. This is -3 members from the beginning of the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Hopefully, some of the new recruitment incentives like the First Responder incentive, the 30-under-30 incentive, and the Teacher Recruitment incentive will generate additional members who will help us with our youth activities and projects and fundraising activities like the Christmas Tree Lot.

Although we have been successful in reaching more than 45 members with our weekly Zoom meetings, there are another 70+ or so members we need to reach out to. I suggest that you reach out to members who we have not seen on the Zoom meetings and invite them to join us for future meetings or at least check in with them to see how they are doing. All it takes is a few minutes to possibly brighten someone's day as we all endure the "new normal" of "stay-in-place." If you find Club members who need assistance, please let me or **Michael Chavez** know so that we can set up "phone trees" to help those who may be unable to get out for grocery store trips or medical appointments.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones; practice safe health procedures; and we will see you at some point in the future.

If you need to contact me, please call 303-919-4532 or email me at meyerrob@comcast.net.

**Yours in Optimism,
Prez Bob**

Announcements Continued

Face-to-Face Member Meeting: Tom Glazier is plan-



ning another breakfast get-together this Wednesday, August 26th at Café de France Express meeting at 9 a.m. Please let Tom know if you can make it via phone or email by Monday so he can make the arrangements. Café de France Express is located at 4155 E Jewell Ave. The Café is inside the Colorado Club Office Building.

Two Flu Shots: Bill Litchfield shared with the group that his doctor recommended that he get a flu shot now and another one in December. Coming down with COVID-19 in addition to the traditional flu is a combination to be avoided! It is best to check with your primary care physician.

CO-WY Virtual Special Convention: The Special Convention that was planned for October 16-18 at Little Ameri-

ca in Cheyenne, has been moved to a Virtual Special Convention on Saturday, October 17th, more details to follow.

First Responder Recruitment: OI President Adrian Elcock announced Police Officers, Firemen, EMTs, and other first responders serve their communities in stressful and potentially traumatic situations every day. As they move from crisis to safety, they demonstrate resilience hour by hour, day by day, and week by week. In honor of their service, Optimist International invites these special citizens to become members of a local Optimist Club. For only \$30 for their first year of membership, first responders may join an Optimist Club and share their experience with other civic-minded individuals. The program expires December 31st, so hop to it. Also, this same \$30 offer applies to educators or anyone under age 30, so if you know of one who would like to join, get them signed up now, using the regular application form. **See GUMS distribution email for applications.**

OCMS Website Greg Young

Greg Young was our speaker for the day. Among the many, many hats Greg wears for the club, he does a great deal of work maintaining our website at www.monacosouth.org, in case you did not know it.

Greg showed many facets of the site, starting with the home page and the calendar. There is a "contact us" form, where people interested in membership or club projects can request info, which goes to Greg.

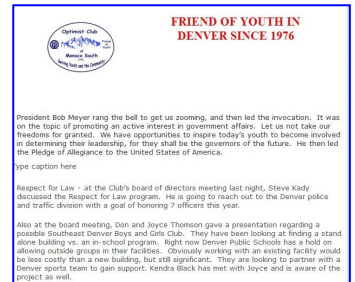
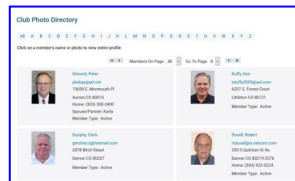
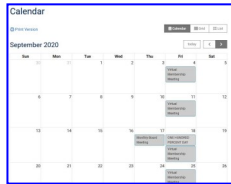
There is a club biography, and newsletter archives back to 2006. Greg has GUMS going all the way back to 1984 and he is continually adding them. There is a link to the district website and a club projects page.

In order to see the Club Member Directory, you need to sign-in with your login name and password. In the upper right hand corner, there is

a link for "member login." Once you are logged in, you can click on "member area," also in the upper right. If you have trouble signing in, send Greg an email.

In the member area, under "administration," you can edit your profile if needed for new phone numbers or email addresses. That is also where you can see the club photo directory, and if you are the lead person for a project, you can add details and request volunteers.

Editor: The site has a great deal of features and functionality that we do not take advantage of yet, but it looks like this World Wide Web/Internet thing is not just a flash in the pan — it is the real deal! So, gaining familiarity with the site will become important for the success of the club. Hunt and peck around — you will be impressed! Your editor even attempted a newsletter using the features of this platform, see it on the right.



An Amazing Publication

Last week **Mark Metevia** let us know that Jeannie



Fankhauser, wife of our Clubs founder, **Dr. Ed Fankhauser** had moved back to Denver. She is now residing at St. Andrew's Retirement Village in Aurora, which she calls, 'My Happy Place.' After sharing that story with Jeannie, she shares,

"My compliments on your wonderful publication of the GUMS bulletin. It was always a joy to me to read from the first one in 1976 to the one I just received which has become so professionally compiled. I send my compliments to all who contribute to the writing, pictures, and printing of it. To me it is amazing and one to be so very proud of for all of those who contribute their talents to it!"

I sincerely appreciate your sending it to me and will look forward to receiving more to come. Thank you so much for remembering me.

I send my love and best wishes to all!

Most sincerely,

Jeannie Fankhauser"

A Bit of Fun

Sven & Olie Story: Tom Hoch spun

another yarn about Sven, who was out for his morning walk one day when he spotted a sign in Olie's yard saying, "Boat for sale." That confused Sven, so he knocked on the door. Ole came out and Sven says, "Hey Olie, I see your sign over there, saying 'Boat for sale,' but you don't have a boat. All you have is a tractor and a combine." "Yep" replied Olie, "and they are both for sale."



Sven, Olie, & Lars were asked, "When you're in your casket, and friends and neighbors are mourning you, what would you like them to say?"

Lars said, "I would like dem to say dat I vas a vunderful husband, a fine spirtual leader, and a gut family man."

Sven said, "I would like dem to say I vas a vunderful teacher and servant of God who made a huge difference in da lives of people."

Ole said, "Not me, I would like dem to say, 'Look! He's moving!'"

On-Line Trivia Contest

By Andy Towt



Thank you to **Bob Hartwig, Bob Avery, Paul Stratton, and Dick Nickoloff** for getting the correct answer to last weeks trivia question: **What was the name of the Ford Motor Company car that was manufactured between 1958 and 1960, that was named after the son of Henry Ford? It was the Edsel.**

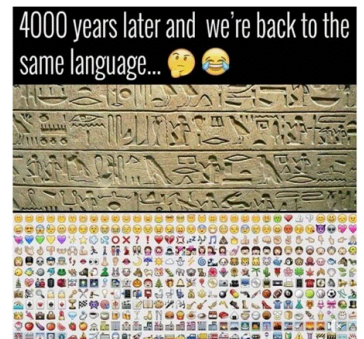
This week's question is: **We have just reached the 100 year anniversary of the Constitutional Amendment that gave women the right to vote. Which number amendment is it?** Pick from one...

- The 17th Amendment
- The 19th Amendment
- The 73rd Amendment

Email your answer to Warren.Allentown@gmail.com

Think About This

My kids will never know the joy of finding a quarter in the coin return



Weekly Greeters

8/28/2020

In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus
Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 44th Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Due to the need to be cautious during the CONVID-19 outbreak, meetings are virtual until at least the end of August or maybe September. Please check back for updates.

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| Aug 20 | Thu | 7:00 pm | Monthly Board Meeting: Zoom Virtual Meeting |
| Aug 21 | Fri | 8:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting |
| Aug 28 | Fri | 8:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting |
| Sept 4 | Fri | 8:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting |
| Sept 11 | Fri | 8:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting |
| Sept 17 | Thu | 7:00 pm | Monthly Board Meeting: TBD |
| Sept 18 | Fri | 8:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: 100 Percent Day via Zoom Virtual Meeting |
| Sept 25 | Fri | 8:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting — <i>Last Issue of GUMS in this format!</i> |
| Oct 2 | Fri | 8:00 am | Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting |

2019 - 2020 Officers

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Past Presidents

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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 |
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| Curt Jefferies | 1980-81 | Kent Gloor | 1992-93 | Bryce Slaby | 2004-05 | Craig Eley | 2016-17 |
| Frank Middleton | 1981-82 | Gary Stowbridge | 1993-94 | Donlie Smith | 2005-06 | Jim Easton | 2017-18 |
| John Young | 1982-83 | Mark Metevia | 1994-95 | Paul Bernard | 2006-07 | Everett Gardner | 2018-19 |
| 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.