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Serving Youth and the Community for 43 Years

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Editor for this Issue—Robert Wardlaw



Good Morning Optimists

Another beautiful morning, this third Friday of August; the 235th day of the year, with 130 days remaining until the end of the year. Our Greeters this morning, for this Camaderie Day are **Bill Morgan** and **John Young**.



Bill Morgan & John Young
Photos Noel Hasselgren

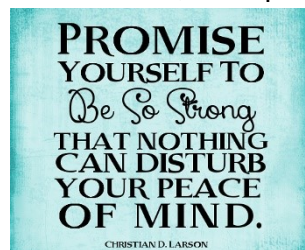
On This Date

In 1775 Britain's King George III proclaimed the American colonies to be in a state of "open and avowed rebellion." And 24-years later in 1799 Napoleon leaves Egypt for France en route to seize power.

And on this date in 1970, organized by Mexican American union leader César Chávez, the Salad Bowl strike took place—the largest farm worker strike in U.S. history. While just 8-years ago, in 2011, a magnitude 5.8 earthquake occurred in Virginia, which damages monuments and structures in Washington D.C. resulting in damage estimated at \$200 to \$300 million.

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

Vice President **Bob Meyer** filling in for President **Everett Gardner**, rang the first-bell at 7 a.m. and called on **Ron Cisco** to read the morning invocation. Ron ask Merciful God, to help us "Be so strong that nothing can



use this positive energy to overcome the challenges that each day brings."

disturb our peace of mind...." And who explained that "as Optimists, we are helped by the idea that there are thousands of likeminded people who venture out each day with the idea that we are the creator of our positive universe. Therefore, "... to

Announcements

South By Southeast Community Festival: **Don Thomson** talks about the Monaco South & Tamarac Optimist Club's booth setup at the South by Southeast Community Festival, held last Saturday at Bible Park. And by all accounts was a successful idea. Some 15 young people from around our area who were recognized as Super Citizens, by their schools, stopped by the Monaco South booth to say hello and thank us for the program.

Many who stopped by commented how they appreciated our presence in the community and what our club represents. Names of interested people who stopped by the booth were passed on to **Tom Glazier**, new member orientation chair. Hundreds of flyers were passed out and promotional literature was given to prospective members.

Volunteers from the club who worked parking control include **Pat Bush** (the first person on the scene), **Everett Gardner**, **Andy Towt**, **Tom Kramis**, **Jim Easton**, **Tracy Sorensen**, **Craig Eley**, **Frank Ross**, and **Robert Wardlaw**. Those working the booth with **Don Thomson**, were his wife **Joyce**, **Mike** and **Brian White**, **Jon Wachter**, **Jim VanderKamp**, and **Al Gapuzan**. Thank you to **Dan Rodriguez** for the newly designed Christmas Tree Sale sign for our annual tree lot sales.

JDRF Diabetes Walk: **Ron Gustas** asked members to support JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) funded research seeking a cure for and improved treatment options for Type 1 Diabetes (T1D). Both **Ron** and **Mike McMahon** will be "Walking" supporting Ron's granddaughter Ellie and Mike's son Max both who have T1D. The JDRF "OneWalk" will be held on Sunday, September 15th at Jeffco Fairgrounds. Members can make donations by check payable to JDRF or online to receive tax receipts at the following sites: 1) Ron's Granddaughter Ellie's team ...



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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******

at <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/ElliesDiabetesBusters>;

2) **Mike McMahon's son Max's Team** at <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/FUT1D>; or

3) the **T1DOC Team** at <http://www2.jdrf.org/goto/T1DOC>. The Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club-(T1DOC) was co-sponsored by Monaco South six years ago.

Members were also asked to volunteer to help set up the "Walk" site at Jeffco Fairgrounds starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 14th. For more information please contact either **Ron Gustas** or **Mike McMahon**.

Colorado Rockies Tickets: **Joe Marci** tells us that he still has tickets available for the Rockies, during the remaining seasons' games. Ticket sales helps to support the CO-WY District Junior Golf Program. He also has golf balls that he is giving away, see Joe.

New Members: **Tom Glazier** talks about promoting our Club and what we can do. One idea was to have a person in the Tree Lot Trailer to talk specifically to customers about our club and generate interest. Another, was to specifically speak to the parents of our Super Citizen recipients about how they can get involved.



Member Updates

Cy Regan: **Donlie Smith** shared that he recently saw Cy and reported that Cy is in good health and has a fulltime driver. If you would like to see Cy, contact Cy's son Dan at 720-933-8668 and setup a day an time. Note: Your editor plans to contact Dan and hopes to meet Cy at one of his favorite spots for lunch. That is great news, thank you Donlie!



Greg Young: Who had a Birthday on this Friday, wrote in an email, "just returned from PT #4 and it's going pretty well; minimal pain and good range of motion. Only 5 more weeks to go! I am still hobbling around and not able to drive, but may be able to get to some meetings soon Thanks to all for the well wishes and cards."



Dean (Constantine) Sotiriou: Your **GUMS** editor, **Robert Wardlaw**, reports he saw Dean at a local health club and noted that Dean appears to be in excellent health. Dean also confirmed he is available for cashier duties for the upcoming Tree Lot season.



John Zwick, former member: **Tom Overton** reports that John has endured a cancer diagnosis and then, while undergoing chemotherapy treatments, was involved in a car accident resulting in injuries sustained during the collision, which required knee surgery. John, we send you our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery.

Weekly Greeters	
Sign-Up with Jon Wachter to be a greeter, it is a good way to meet members.	
8/30/19	Pat Bush & Perry Allen
9/6/19	Stave Kady & Robert Wardlaw
9/13/19	Roy Jarrett & Ron Cisco

August Birthdays

Being a Camaraderie Day, Vice President **Bob Meyer** called for a rousing birthday song for August birthdays. He reported that **Barry Barker**, 8-21; **Bud Black**, 8-14; **Marc Goodbody**, 8-19; **Bob Hugo**, 8-5; **Les Larson**, 8-14; **Mike Miller**, 8-31; **Al Perington**, 8-3; **Dean Sotiriou**, 8-31; **Les Volpe**, 8-19; and **Greg Young**, 8-23; all will celebrate another year older. We hope you all have a "great day" of celebration!



Club & Activities Fair Denver South High School

Tom Kramis shared that he and **Steve Hicks**, got 42 South High kids, including our own boys, to sign up



with strong intent to join the Scout Venture Club. We even had some kids that want to meet during lunch on campus to discuss 'what's next' after Labor Day.



The Scout Venturing Club 1893, was chartered back in December 2018, by the Optimist Club of Monaco South. "Venturing is an inclusive program through the Boy Scouts of America for males and females aged 14-21 (or 13 and completed the 8th grade). It is operated through Venturing Crews, units of youth and advisors that meet on set schedules and plan activities and events.

The Venturing program aims to enable young adults to:

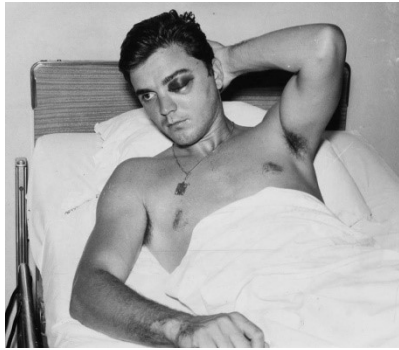
- Experience a program that is fun and full of challenge and adventure.
- Acquire skills in the area of their crew's specialty.
- Become a skilled training and program resource for other youth groups.
- Experience positive leadership from adult and youth leaders and be given opportunities to take on leadership roles.
- Learn to make ethical choices throughout their lives by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
- Have a chance to learn and grow in a supportive, caring, and fun environment.

For further information on the Scouting Venturing Club see, **Steve Hicks**, **Frank Middleton**, or **Tom Kramis**.



Friday Baseball Quote

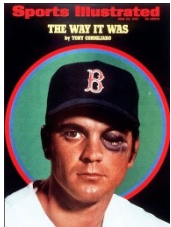
"When the ball was about four feet from my head I knew it would get me. And I knew it would hurt because Hamilton was such a hard thrower. I was frightened ... I saw the ball follow me back and hit me square on the left side of my head. As soon as it crunched into me, it felt as if the ball would go in one side of my head and come out the other; my legs gave way and I went down like a sack of potatoes. Just before everything went dark I saw the ball bounce straight down on home plate. It was the last thing I saw for several days." - Tony Conigliaro



Note: Tony Conigliaro was a Major League Baseball outfielder and right-handed batter who played for the Boston Red Sox and California Angels. He was born in Revere, Massachusetts, and was a 1962 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Lynn, Massachusetts.

He was signed by the Red Sox out of high school in 1963. By the next season he was patrolling the outfield in Fenway Park, still a teenager. That rookie season, he hit .290 with 24 HR and 52 RBI. The following season, at the age of 20, he led the league in home runs with 32.

In 1967, at the age of 24 already in his 4th season in the Bigs, he was hitting .287 with 20 HR and 67 RBI when he was beamed by a Jack Hamilton fastball on August 18th (52 years ago Sunday). He did not play again that season, nor the next. He came back in the 1969 season, but was done by the age of 30 as his eyesight deteriorated in that eye. He died of a heart attack at the age of 45, in 1990.

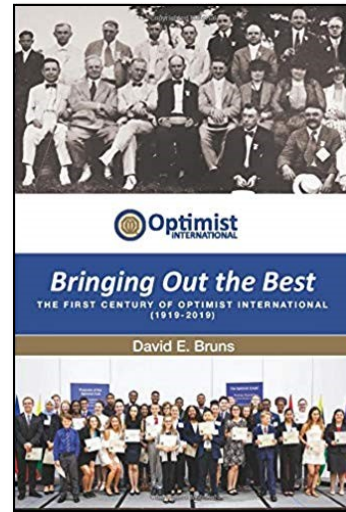


Career .264 with 166 HR and 516 RBI.

Bringing Out the Best

The first century of Optimist International, 1919-2019

This amazing chronicle brings the history of Optimist International to life with stories of real Optimists and their positive impact on youth, local communities, and the world. The book traces the roots of Optimism to visionary leaders in the early part of the Twentieth Century who overcame difficulties to share their uplifting message—based on The Optimist Creed—across the United States, into Canada, throughout the Caribbean, and ultimately around the globe. Bringing Out the Best is a great read for everyone whose lives have been touched in some way by the Optimist movement and for anyone who is interested in the evolution of service organizations over the last century.



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All proceeds benefit the Optimist Oratorical Contest.

In paperback @ \$20.00

More Words of Wisdom & to Think About

- ◇ When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- ◇ Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.
- ◇ How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
- ◇ Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.
- ◇ What happens if you get scared half to death, twice?
- ◇ Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
- ◇ Inside every older person is a younger person wondering, "What the hell happened?"
- ◇ Just remember—if the world didn't suck, we would all fall off.
- ◇ Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- ◇ Life isn't like a box of chocolates. It's more like a jar of jalapenos.

Do We Have a Drawing

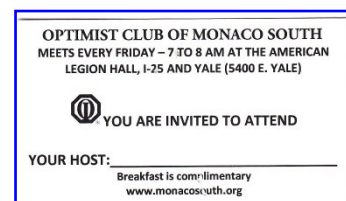
Do we have a drawing? Yes, we do and there is \$20 bucks in the pot and the lucky card is the Jack of Spades. Your editor wins a chance to draw but comes up empty, **Don Thomson** takes a cup, **George Buzick** draws a card, but he too comes up short. **Ron Gustas, Keith Galloway, Allan Pierce, Gary Strowbridge, and Bob Meyer** are members holding tickets this morning.



For wearing his name tag **Dick Nickoloff's** name is called from the plastic jar but he too does not win.

Invite a Guest

Note: Educators with a school are now getting back into it, so speak with teachers, coaches, and administrators about joining our Club. These individuals interact with kids on a daily basis and can be a great asset to our Club. All educators can join for \$30 for their first year.



Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Aug 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Sept 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: John Paterson, Volunteer Coordinator, Brent's Place
Sept 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Appel, Founder/Executive Director, Wish for Wheels
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
Sept 20	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Sept 21	Sat	5:30 pm	Celebrate Your Optimism Year End Banquet, Heather Gardens Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way
Sept 27	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Uli Pappus
Oct 4	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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Past Presidents

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		
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Cy Regan	1999-00	Randy Marcove	2011-12		

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NEWSLETTER EDITORS: August **Robert Wardlaw**, September **Pat Bush**, November, **Phil Perington**

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.