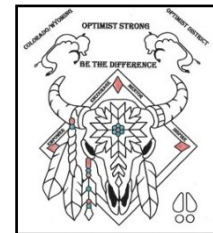




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Good Morning Optimist

On this Friday morning, it was hazy and smoky with a chance of late afternoon storms and the scent of more than 100 large wildfires burning out of control in the west, but inside the American Legion Hall it was sunny with lots of optimism and enthusiasm.



Dick Nickoloff & Casey Funk
our official greeters.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Casey Funk and **Dick Nickoloff** were power greeting this morning and really pouring on the “howdy’s” and “glad to see ya’s.”

Morning Conversations and Camaraderie

Many members were reminiscing the passing of our good friend **Leo Hagele**, and the thoughtful memorial service held on Thursday morning at the Eastern Star Retirement Community. Some of Leo’s memories are attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Terry Shroyer and **Jack Kleinheksel** were engaged in deep conversation dealing with upcoming Boy Scout matters while **Ron Gustas**, **Mike McMahon**, and **Allen Yockey** were making plans for the TI-Doc fundraiser just around the corner.

Eldon Strong, wearing a Budapest Hungary t-shirt was fully animated and sharing travel stories with **Ed Collins**, **Tom Hoch**, **Mike White**, and **Don Thomson**; all laughing and cheerfully nodding their heads.

Kale Smith, a former member, was merrily renewing old friendships around the room, defiantly having a great time. **Tom Kramis** and **Kent Gloor** were seen



sharing notes on the Santa Haus expedition and homecoming. *Editor note: Are you aware that when you search for Villa Monaco, where we have our Christmas tree lot, the first thing you see is the MSOC Santa Haus?, see it here [CLICK](#).* While

Tom Glazier was energetically handing out “Missing You” greeting card mailers with help from **Gary Strowbridge** and **Russ Paul**. And, life-member of the Table of Wisdom, **Cy Regan** was in the house sharing smiles and goodwill.

First Bell

President **Jim Easton** gavelled the “loud and crazy optimists” to attention at 7 a.m. and asked for the invocation.

Invocation & Pledge

A long time friend of **Leo Hagele** and Chaplin at Leo’s service, held on Thursday, Reverend **Steve Schroeder** present the invocation, “Our prayers are for the blessings of all that is good and honorable, and the time we share with one another for the benefit of our children and those in need.” The Pledge of Allegiance followed with a hearty cheer of “Play Ball!” The Colorado Rockies are rolling.

Guests

Steve Kady again introduced **Steve Schroeder**. Steve mentioned that his father was an Optimist member of a Southwest Denver Club. **Diane Martini**, marketing director for the Eastern Star Retirement Community, was also with us to recognize Leo. **Harry Arkin** introduced his good friend and fellow attorney, **Jacques Machol**. **Kale Smith**, a returning member sponsored by **Peter Dimond** in 2008, announced he was back and hopefully will renew his membership. It was really good seeing all of our guests this morning.

From the Prez

Prez Jim Easton talked about the South by Southeast Neighborhood party and our volunteer parking project that rewarded the club to the tune of \$250 from Council-woman **Kendra Black**.

Prez Jim also shared details of Leo Hagele’s Memorial Service, and mentioned those in attendance, **Oscar Sorensen**, **Steve Kady**, **Allen Yockey**, **Jon Wachter**, **Bob Avery**, **Don Roth**, **Joe Marci**, **Phil Perington**, and **Bob Finkelmeier**. At the service reflec-

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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******

From the Prez Continued

tions were shared by **Diane Martini**, Eastern Star Retirement Community, Marketing Director, and good friend, plus numerous residents.



Jim Easton & Phil Perington present a "passing member rose" at the Eastern Star Retirement Community memorial service for Leo Hagele.
Photos Steve Kady

A red rose from the recent CO-WY Optimist District Convention "passing members celebration," was laid on the table in behalf of Leo, followed by Jim leading the group in reciting the Optimist Creed—to the pleasure and gratitude of all. Diana and Leo had become best "buds" and she

thanked the Optimists for attending and showing their support. Leo



Diane Martini

joined the Club in 2000 and most recently was a regular Friend of Optimist member, attending meetings right up to the last days. He passed on at the age of 97. We will miss his insightful and determined energy.

Announcements

Optimist Odyssey to Santa Fe: **Craig Eley** reported that the Santa Fe excursion was a rousing success. It was Indian Market weekend; circulator busses were free and the crowd was large. Also, the stargazing and Santa Fe Opera were fantastic. Craig then announced an invitation for the club's December Holiday event, optimistically hoping everyone would remember. See more about this trip in the *GUMS Supplement* attached to the *GUMS* distribution email.



The first night's dinner at Jambo's, an African-Caribbean Restaurant. From left: Craig Eley, Beda Collins, Jan Collier, Jack Kitchell, Jan White, Mike White, Kathy Rife, Jack Rife and Cindy Eley.

JDRF One Walk: **Ron Gustas** mentioned he was aware of a fourth and fifth member of the Club with Type 2 Diabetes grandkids, suggesting everyone pay attention to their own family members who may show symptoms as well. The JDRF, Sunday, September 16th event at Jefferson County Fairground needs Walkers and volunteer support. **Mike McMahon** add there will be new things at the walk, including the Bronco cheerleaders, so please sign up.

Colorado Rockies Tickets: **Joe Marci** said help support the CO-WY Junior Golf program by buying tickets for the Rockies and Dodgers game on Septem-

ber 9th. Joe has 40 tickets available. They are good seats in section 327 in back of home plate. The view is excellent.

Principles to Breakfast: **Robert Wardlaw** shared that the Principles to Breakfast is next Friday. Please make the meeting and assist with finalizing details for the Super Citizen Program's academic year.



Dime-A-Day: **Tom Glazier**, standing in for **Perry Allen** said Dime-A-Day pleadings are in the air. Please consider a contribution to get us over the top of last years total. Perry will be adding more Cadillacs to the drawing at 100% Day. Bring your checks next week

South by Southeast Neighborhood Event: **Bob Avery** added his thoughts on the parking activities. He said, volunteers gained valuable experience in teaching others how to park their car. Many members including **Jon Wachter**, **Joe Marci**, **Paul Simon**, **Paul Bernard**, **Pat Bush**, and **Greg Young** helped out. The day was a success and a good time was had by all.

Retrospect on the Rockies: **Tom Mauro** noted that his Prayer for the Rockies relievers given a few weeks ago seems to be picking up traction. The Rockies are getting close to tying Arizona for the lead in the West division and have playing like a winning team.

Is There a Drawing?

With a \$130 in the pot and only six remaining cards it looked promising for finding the Queen of Clubs. So, let's do it!



Jed Ziegenhagen draws the Ace of Hearts, but No Luck. And then **Dick Nickoloff** gets an opportunity to draw, but again No Luck! The illusive Queen of Clubs cannot be found.

Going for the cups were, **Ron Cisco**, **Terry Shroyer**, **Frank Middleton**, **Paul Stratton**, **Dick Nickoloff**, and **Jon Wachter**.

Getting an opportunity to draw for the big money by wearing his name tag, **Don Thomson** takes a chance. But just like Jed and Dick he came up short. Next week the pot moves to \$140 with even fewer cards.

Camaraderie



Kate Donelan

Executive Director of Destination Imagination Colorado

Tom Mauro introduced Kate Donelan, Executive Director of Destination Imagination (DI), Colorado, and in turn, Kate introduced Catherine May a DI Team Leader and also past Slaven Elementary School Super Citizen, Kern Karkos, a DI Team Manager, and Catherine's father, David May.



Tom Mauro, on the left, introduces, Kate Donelan, Kern Karkos, and Catherine May.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Kate explained that the Destination Imagination (DI) program is built around creative problem-solving and competition teams. It is the Worlds largest academic competition and

totally a "Learner driven learning" protocol. Over 150,000 students participate worldwide. The top four regions are China, Texas, British Columbia, and Colorado. Each student develops their own talent and abilities with the primary focus on their communication skills at every level. The scope of participation is Kindergarten to College. The end game is teamwork cohesion and high-level performance.

In Colorado there are nine regions that compete, that includes Denver-Boulder metro, and Challenges in Challenges in Science, Technology, Engineering, Fine Arts, Improv, Service Learning, and Early Learning.

In the DI Challenge Experience, two to seven-member teams focus on finding solutions to two separate types of Challenges: Team Challenges and Instant Challenges. Then they present their solutions to Appraisers in Tournament-style settings. By working together to develop solutions, participants push the limits of their imaginations to better themselves and best their competition.

Kate shared a story about a team from Yoder Colorado, that taught their elders how to use a cell phone, that was one of the more interesting subjects. 780 Teams participate and 50 earn entry into the Global Finals.

Catherine May shared her history of participation that included an Instant Challenge-Rapid Ideas focus that targeted how to Supersede Long-term Planning for immediate answers. She said, "my 6th and 8th grade teams taught me a lot, in fact my 5-6th grade teams went to the Global Finals!" She mentioned she has learned how to work is a team with her closest friends and how to problem solving and plan a bicameral project. Her passion is to work in building and related skills including the use of power tools and basic construction. "It has been wonderful and I am so happy to be part of the program," she said. "In the 6th grade she learned how to build a musical instrument-xylophone and an electric train. The second challenge was how to build a vehicle. In the 7th grade it was a fine arts challenge, and last year we ended with a service project in the form of a clothing drive with over 2,000 pieces collected." She explained that her team had to sort clothing taking two months and to then store that inventory in a robot that they had to build. They won an award as a result of their ingenuity and focused effort. Over the years the team has basically remained the same in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade, but the 7th grade changed. Overall it has been a wonderful and life changing experience for everyone.



Catherine May

Kate added that volunteers 18 and older are a very important part of the DI program and are needed in order to create a fair, competitive, and fun experience for every Destination Imagination team. Even the smallest Destination Imagination tournament needs over 100 officials to create a fair competitive field for the teams.

Editor, *It was a very enlightening and well delivered program. We all will look for updates in the future. Thank you to Kate and Catherine for their presentation!*

So, How Are the Peaches?



Joie Mauro displays her work on preserving those Palisade, CO peaches for the coming year. More peaches are available if you order soon. Give Bob Finkelmeier a call.

Weekly Greeters	
8/31/18	Bill Morgan & Dave Moore
9/7/18	Ken Duffy & Ed Collins
9/14/18	Tom Glazier & Perry Allen
9/21/18	Bryce Slaby & Jon Wachter



Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Aug 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals to Breakfast
Sept 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Junior Golf Participants
Sept 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: One Hundred Percent Day & Camaraderie
Sept 15	Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Walk to End, City Park East, 2001 Colorado Blvd.
Sept 19	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Sept 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Sept 28	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: :DPD, District 3, Commander Rick Kyle
Sept 28	Fri	5:00 pm	Celebrate Your Optimism Banquet & Installation of 2018-2019 Officers, Heather Gardens Rendezvous Restaurant, 2888 S. Heather Gardens Way, Aurora, CO
Oct 5	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA



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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		
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		
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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.