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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Optimist

On this bright and sunny Friday morning **Allen Malask** and **John Swick** greeted us. President **Craig Eley** called the meeting to order and asked **Perry Allen** to give the invocation.



John Swick awaits members, as Allen Malask catches up with GUMS.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Invocation & Pledge

In the invocation **Perry Allen** asked that we "... forget the mistakes of the past for only then can we press on to the greater achievement of the future." He then lead us in the pledge allegiance to the flag of the US.

Guests And New Members

Bill Wells, a prior member of Monaco South, decided to drop in to visit with old friends.

Jon Wachter introduced **Joe Campana**. Joe's wife is a member of the Tamarac Optimist Club and convinced Joe to visit Monaco South.

Dan Rodriguez, owner of Sign-O-Rama, came by for his third visit. The Monaco South Board of Directors approved Dan's membership application at their meeting recently. Welcome to the club, Dan.

Fred Hess was also approved at the last board meeting but he was unable to attend this morning.

Also back with us again was past member **Frank Ross**. Frank is back in Denver while he enjoys his vacation from Pennsylvania.

Welcome to all of our new members and guests!

From the Prez

South By Southeast Festival: The festival was held last weekend at Bible Park. Several members from Monaco South help with the event. There were all kinds of activities including foods of all kinds, games, and music by several different bands. It is estimate several thousand people attend as they were coming a going all day along. It was a very successful

gathering the community.

New Fundraiser: President **Craig Eley** announced that the MSOC Board of Directors has approved a new Fundraiser. The new project involves setting up flag displays at businesses and residences during certain national holidays. The project will be in the planning stages over the next several months. The main reason for starting this fundraiser is to provide a back-up-funding source in case the tree lot cannot be held in any given year. Paul Simon added that several other district clubs have run this project and could be consulted for advice.

Celebrate Optimism Banquet: Announcing for **Michael Chavez**, President **Craig Eley** reminded us that the Celebrate Optimism Banquet has been scheduled for Saturday, September 16th. It will be held at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Heather Gardens. The banquet will include cocktails (cash bar) and dinner followed by highlights of the past Optimist year and installation of next year's officers. The celebration starts at 5:00 p.m. and should wrap up by about 9:00 p.m. The cost is only \$25.00 per person. The Rendezvous Restaurant is located at 2888 S. Heather Gardens in Aurora. By the way, you can register online at <http://monacosouth.org/event/celebrate-your-optimism-year-end-banquet/>.

Master of Membership

Paul Simon gave special recognition to **John Young** and presented John with an OI certificate having sponsorship of 75 new members over his 40 year Optimist career. John is a Charter Member of MSOC. Congratulations, John and a job well done. You may hit the century mark in the near future!



John Young recognized for sponsoring 75 new Optimist members.

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

Distinguished Club and District: District Governor **Paul Simon** announced that the Colorado/Wyoming District has had an outstanding year. The District Convention that was held in Breckenridge last weekend. Paul mentioned that the district membership is minus thirteen members but it is likely that a new Lake Arbor Optimist club will be chartered yet this year. If that happens, it will qualify the District as a Distinguished District. If Monaco South can meet its membership goals by the end of the year, not only will the club become an Honor Club, but it will also become a Distinguished Club since Monaco South co-sponsored the new Englewood Optimist Club. What a year if we can become a Distinguished Club and District. So, go out and talk to your friends and neighbors and invite them to join us—see below!

New Member Recruiting: **Paul Simon** also offered some advice for recruiting new members. Since guests often feel pressured at meetings and projects to join the club, we should wait until about three days after the meeting or project to make a follow up call to thank them for coming and then ask them what they thought of the event. Then just listen to their thoughts. Finish the call with a question like, *“Can they you see yourself becoming involved with us?”* And finally, ask if they know anybody else that we ought to invite. Once again, talk to your friends and neighbors and invite them to join us!



Alzheimer's Walk: **Cap Hermann** indicated that he has about 5 members signed up for the Alzheimer's Walk on September 16th at City Park in Denver. He would like to get another 5 members if possible. We will be acting as “meet and greet” volunteers at the registration desk. The event begins at 7:00 a.m. and donuts and coffee will be available. See Cap if you can help out.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: The JDRF Walk is just a couple of weeks away. This event raises funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. **Mike McMahon** reported that we have three different walk teams that we are supporting. There is the team led by his son that was just diagnosed with the disease; the TIDOC walk team and the team led by Ellie Knox (**Ron Gustas's** grand-daughter).

Ron Gustas is also organizing Optimists volunteers to help with setting up the Walk on Saturday, September 9th at Jefferson County Fairgrounds. He needs several people to help set up team canopies, table and chairs. Ron said you would be loading the truck at the JDRF office on that Friday, afternoon and taking the team canopies, table, and chairs to Fairgrounds.

Harry Arkin's Garage Sale: **Harry Arkin** is planning a garage sale soon and would like help in getting it set up. He is particularly looking for those who have orchestrated garage sale events before. Or, even if you have been to a garage sale he could use your as-

sistance. If you can help, please give Harry a call at (303) 353-9524 to arrange dates and times.

Greeters Needed: **Jon Wachter** is still looking for greeters for October and beyond. Be sure to sign up as a greeter and be the first to grab a cup of coffee at those meetings. It is also an excellent way to get to know the names of the arriving club members.

Wheat Ridge 60th Anniversary: Do not forget that the 60th Anniversary Celebration for the Wheat Ridge Optimist Club 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. You can get tickets by going to their website at www.wheatridgeoptimist.org.

Dime-A-Day: A note from **Perry Allen**, MSOC OI Foundation Representative and **Joe Priester**, District OI Foundation Representative:

“I am [we are] inviting you to join in the fun and support the Optimist International Foundation by making a donation to one of the three most important levels.

“Whether it is the Dime-A-Day (\$36.50), Women's Philanthropy Council (\$100) or Presidents Club (\$250), every dollar helps us reach our goal for this year. As your OI Foundation Representative's we need your help before the end of the Optimist Year on September 30, 2017. Take a look at the form attached to *GUMS* and go for it.”

Our mailing addresses are:

Perry Allen
4631 E. Amherst Ave.
Denver, CO 80222

Joe Priester
2692 Marston Heights
Colorado Springs, CO



King Soopers Cards: King Soopers and Safeway gift cards are the easiest way to help raise funds for all of the projects and events sponsored by the Monaco South Optimist Club. Using these cards cost members absolutely nothing but 5% of all purchases made using the card, comes back to Monaco South. The cards can be easily refilled so do not throw them away. If you need a card just see **Greg Young**.

This Weeks Drawing Winners

The pot is up to \$60 and there are only six cards from which to draw. **Allen Malask** was the first winner. He chose to draw a card and won the pot.

Editor: Isn't that just like a gambler? He greets you with a smile in the beginning and takes all the money in the end.

Other drawing winners were **Terry Shroyer**, **Mark Metevia**, **Tom Glazier**, **Dick Nickloff**, **Oscar Sorensen**, and **Harry Arkin**.

Right, Allen Malask shows off his selected card and takes the pot.

Photo Noel Hasselgren



Ken Wiig & Chris Weiss Second Wind Fund

Our speakers this morning were Ken Wiig, a board member, and Chris Weiss, development director, with the **Second Wind Fund**.



The Second Wind Fund is a not for profit organization that was started in 2002 in Jefferson

County in reaction to four youth suicides at the same school over an academic year. The community organized a walk/run event to show solidarity with the school. They used the money raised at the event to help provide counselling to other students in the school that were also at risk of suicide.

The Second Wind Fund matches youth ages 19 and younger that are at risk of suicide to licensed therapists within their network. The fund pays for up to twelve treatment sessions for those teens that do not have adequate insurance coverage or Medicare.

It was interesting to learn, that Colorado has the sixth highest rate of teen suicide in the nation but public funding of treatment programs ranks near the bottom of the national list of states. Suicide is the leading cause of death in children between 10 to 14 years of age in Colorado. Since the beginning, the Second Wind Fund has grown and now serves 23 counties throughout Colorado. Providing this matching service in the rural counties has been especially difficult because of the lack of professionally licensed therapists in those communities. They have tried video conferencing treatment sessions with limited results. The

Second Wind Fund has helped nearly 4,500 teens get the treatment help they need. The primary fundraiser for the group is an annual walk/run event that raises over \$100,000. It will be held once again on Saturday, October 7th at Clement Park in Littleton. It runs from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We can help by volunteering as event staff or by making contributions to the fund.



As Ken Wiig presents, Chris Weiss stands in background to share the Second Wind Fund story.

Photo Noel Hasselgren

Presentation Follow Up

*After the Ken Wiig and Chris Weiss presentation, **Tom Mauro** asked the speaker how much a single counseling session costs. The cost is \$75.*

Tom then reported to the editor that he would be collecting checks next week at the meeting for anyone who wishes to contribute. Make checks payable to Second Wind Fund for any amount or in increments of \$75. Tom will get the checks, which are tax deductible, to the organization. Thank you!

Great Truth's

Shared by Joe Marci

- ◇ *In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. — John Adams*
- ◇ *If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. — Mark Twain*
- ◇ *Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. — Mark Twain*
- ◇ *I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. — Winston Churchill*
- ◇ *A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. — George Bernard Shaw*

- ◇ *A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money. — G. Gordon Liddy*
- ◇ *Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. — James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)*
- ◇ *Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. — Douglas Case, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University*

Weekly Greeters

9/1/17	Dick Zolman & Bob Avery
9/8/17	Jack Kleinheksel & Karl Geil
9/15/17	Mark Metevia & Don Roth

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2016-2017 40th Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Sept 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Joe Marci, OI Junior Golf Update
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
Sept 16	Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Walk to End, City Park East
Sept 16	Sat	5:00 pm	Celebrate Your Optimism & New Officer Installation, Rendezvous at Heather Gardens

**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.