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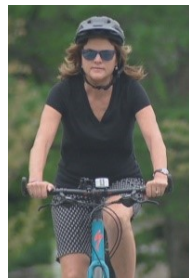


Good Morning Optimists

The morning began with a giant blazing bright orange sun peeking through the clouds, and a smiling and a determined City Councilwoman, Kendra Black, pedaling her bike avidly in the direction of the American Legion Hall. We were greeted by the dynamic duo of **Frank Middleton** and **Keith Gallaway** and high fives abounded.



Morning sunrise over DIA.



Councilwoman Kendra Black on her way to join us.



Left, Keith Gallaway & Frank Middleton serving as our morning greeters.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Conversations and Camaraderie

Don Thomson, **Eldon Strong**, **Ed Collins**, **Mike White**, and **Carl Brown** were busy discussing parking, transportation options and protocol trickery for the upcoming Bronco season.

Not to be outdone, **Pat Bush** was animated in describing the virtual Bronco Party experience he has created for his basement entertainment this season.

Noel Hasselgren was performing double duty managing the pay station and taking photos of the morning action. **Terry Shroyer** and **Perry Allen**, were pushing **Dr. Bob** hard to get the winning ticket for this morning's drawing.

For the 3rd week a row **Steve Kady** was wearing his new purple shirt and wearing lots of cologne. **Bob Myer** back from his junior golfing adventure in West Palm Beach was bragging that he did not have to use his

"get out of jail" free card and had the best time ever.

Donlie Smith was proudly sporting his red USA #45 baseball cap while **Mike McMahon** greeted his pals after having been missing in action due to a workplace commitment.

Gary Strowbridge and **Kent Gloor** were sharing chuckles and joking around. And, president elect and travelling man **Everett Gardner** when asked where he has been, smiled and replied, "hither & yon."

While **Tom Mauro** lamenting over recent Rockies 9th inning woes, optimistically commented "there's always tomorrow, that's why they play 162 games."



Morning conversations and camaraderie.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Morning Bell

President **Jim Easton** smartly brought the gavel down at 7:00 a.m. sharp, and everyone snapped to attention, while he called for the invocation.

Invocation & Pledge

Tom Mauro dedicating the invocation to the Denver Rockies bullpen, reading a timely and well-presented version of "Looking at the sunny side of things and making all your friends feel there something in them." The Pledge of Allegiance followed with the enthusiastic cheer of "Play Ball!"



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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******

Guest

Cory Young, no relation to our other Young's, was a returning past guest of **Robert Wardlaw's**, and proudly announcing that he wants to be a new member and presented his application and check. The crowd roared!



Cory Young

Membership Profile & Birthdays Trivia

The oldest member is Club Founder **Dr. Fan-**



Al Perington

khauser and the youngest members are **Joe Howard**, and **Rob Ruhl**. While **Al Perington**, at left, was celebrated his 94th Birthday today. Other August birthdays are, **Barry Barker**, 21; **Bud Black**, 14; **Marc Goodbody**, 19; **Bob Hugo**, 5; **Les Larson**, 14;

Mike Miller, 31; **Dean Sotiriou**, 31; **Les Volpe**, 19; and **Greg Young**, 23. There is a spread of 55 to 60 years among members. *We are truly a Club of mixed experiences, wisdom, ideas, and valuable assets!*

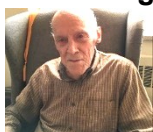
From the Prez

President **Jim Easton** shared how he had become a member only after experiencing 7 years of his neighbor **Freddie Pasternack**, finally wore him down, did he succumb to the joy of becoming a part of the Monaco South brotherhood of friends, family, and faithful volunteers for the kids.



Fred Pasternack
File Photo

He also talked about the recent passing of 97-year-old **Leo Hagele**. Leo always gave Jim a hard time about his brother not taking his hat off during the *Pledge of Allegiance*, among other things. Leo was never lost for words when it came to resolving the issues of the world. We will certainly miss his energy, insights, and spirit greatly.



Leo Hagele
File Photo

Announcements

Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast: Paul Bernard reported that approximately 700 walkers, some with



Paul Bernard directs all the activities at Brent's Place Pancake Breakfast.
Photo Phil Perington

dogs, were served pancakes at the Brent's Place's Annual Walk and breakfast. Thanks to all the volunteers from Tamarac and Monaco South including, **George Buzick**, **Phil Perington**, **Bob Avery**, **James Dockter**, **Mike**

White, **Gary Stowbridge**, **Harry Arkin**, **Al Gapuzan**, **Mike Chavez**, **Russ Paul**, **Ed Collins**, **Frank Middleton**, **Don & Joyce Thomson**, **Mark Metevia**, **Joe Marci**, **Jack Kitchell**, and **Jon Wachter**, which made Paul's job much easier.

Dick Zolman Update: **Dick Nickoloff** reported that he recently visited **Dick Zolman** and was happy to see him in good spirits. Dick is anxiously awaiting the Palisade peaches as many others are as well. Give Dick a call to help him stay in touch.

Dime-A-Day Program: **Perry Allen** reports that Monaco South raised \$ 2777.50 last year for the Dime-A-Day campaign last year and is still \$653 behind from last years record. **Ed Collins** presented Perry a check for \$35.10—apparently deleting holidays. There will be a special Dime-A-Day Drawing on 100% day with two winners. However, you to be present to win.

One Hundred Percent Day: By the way, be sure you come to the 100 percent day meeting on Friday, September 14th. We will have a special breakfast for the same low price. Plus, our annual group picture will be taken right after the meeting on that day, so be sure to show up.



JDRF One Walk: **Mike McMahon** told us that the JDRF Walk is just around the corner. In a week or two will he will be sending a signup sheet around, but is currently passing around a donation list. The contributions all go into the same pot for three JDRF groups, including T1D Optimist Club's summer camp funding.

OI Junior Golf Tournament: **Bob Meyer** reports he is now catching up from his hot and humid actives at the 2018 International OI Junior Golf Championship Tournament at the PGA National Resort & Spa, Palm Beach Gardens, FL. However, he is now preparing for next years CO-WY District tournament.



Bob Meyer pictured with the phase 3, boys, 16-18, and girls, 15-18 players.

Rockies tickets support JR Golf Program: **Joe Marci** shared that anyone who needs tickets for any remaining Rockies game at Coors can sit above home plate in sections 327-329. Cost for these tickets is \$23 each and you can buy one or any number up to 50 if you have friends or family that want to go too. He has already purchase the tickets and need your help in selling them during the rest of the season. For the St. Louis Cardinals game on Sunday, August 26th the tickets are already printed and need to be sold to support junior golf. Please contact Joe Marci if you need tickets for any remaining game at jmarci899@gmail.com or 303-771-3748.

Returning Grandfather Traveler: **Paul Simon** proudly announced that he and his wife **Debbie**, recently spent two weeks in Germany meeting and visiting their first grandchild and his son and wife.

Scotland Travel: **Casey Funk** reported that he recently spent time as a "trophy spouse" on a trip to Scotland. He had a precognition dream with a message from Tom Morris, "Old Tom" from St. Andrews Golf Course fame. Old Tom told him to find a Callaway Insignia golf ball on the bridge at Amen Corner.

Announcements Continued

Casey said he went to the bridge found the golf ball and is willing to give it to anyone who donates \$50 to any of our fundraisers. We are not sure where the Callaway Insignia ball is currently bouncing around.

Bronco Tickets: Harry Arkin said he still has Bronco tickets for three remaining games. If interested call him on his cell, 303-941-8800, for information. The price is \$560 per game for 4 seats.

Tax Contribution to OCMS: Please consider a bequest in your Will to Monaco South. It can be a general bequest or you can direct that it be used to support a particular activity or project of Monaco South. See the center fold page in the Membership Roster. There is no charge if you



wish to discuss this with Monaco South member and attorney **Harry Arkin**, office phone 303-863-8400.

Constitution Booklet's: Email from Andy McKean, please review the Resolution attached to *GUMS* distribution email. He is working on raising \$15,000 to print 50,000 pocket Constitution books to be given out, free of charge, by Veterans across Colorado in honor and celebration of Constitution Day, September 17th. We will have a sponsor list printed on the inside front cover of the books for contributions of \$1,000 or more. There are 3 levels of sponsorship: Gold: \$5,000, Silver: \$2,500, and Bronze: \$1,000. If Optimist Club members are not able to help maybe you know a business in your community that would like to be a sponsor? Contact Andy at 303-989-4833.

Kendra Black Denver City District 4 Councilwoman

Denver City District 4 Councilwoman **Kendra Black**, and MSOC FOO member, once again riding her bike to the meeting, was happy to share that the last time she rode her bike was last winter in the cold and snow. She commented that one of her favorite bumper stickers reads, "You are not in traffic — you are the traffic."

Kendra Introduced Liz Zukowski her Senior Counsel Aide, noting that Liz was not a morning person but got here at 6:45 a.m. anyway. Liz has a Master's Degree in public administration and has been a tremendous help in the office, especially with legislative affairs.

Kendra also added to the legacy of Leo Hagele, and confirmed he had made numerous visits to her office and had a lot of suggestions. They will all miss him. He led a long and great life.

However, Kendra's main focus today was to attract volunteers for her offices 2nd Annual South by



Southeast community festival on Saturday, August 18th from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Bible Park. Members are needed to direct traffic and people flow with 10,000 people expected to attend the food trucks, entertainment, and beer garden. You can volunteer online or coordinated your participation with her office.

Is there a Drawing?

With a \$100 in the pot and for the Jack of Spades the key to win it, none did. Ask Frank Middleton and Perry Allen. Cup Winners: **Steve Kady (2), Donlie Smith, Don Thomson, John Stoffel, and Paul Gibson**. Nine Cards remain in the Lucky Deck with \$110 dollars in the pot.



The topic of recycling came up and Councilwoman Black succinctly stated the level of recycling nationally in reality is quite low. As a City, Denver and surrounding municipalities need to increase recycling. We should strive to motivate kids to recycle and encourage everyone to pick up their empty plastic bottles. Also, education and the methods of recycling is essential to increased recycling.

She added that the Senior Series program promulgated by her office has changed its name to

Coffee Talk and attendance has increased.

Additionally, there is now an on-going Farmers Market at U-Hills open to everyone at no or little cost.

There was a spirited Q&A session with issues of CDOT signage, Bike lanes, Ethics Policy, Turn Lanes, Traffic flows and neighborhood activities, bike tunnels and purple trans bins.

We all love seeing and hearing from Kendra and welcome her back anytime. She has joined the TAMARAC Club and is a certified Optimist. Now we need to work on Liz to participate!



At the request of Kendra and Liz Monaco South members scramble to get into this picture.

Weekly Greeters

8/10/18	Michael Chavez & Dan Rodriguez
8/17/18	Allen Malask & Dave Peck

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Aug 10	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Paul Simon, Taste of Olli East
Aug 16-19			CO-WY District Convention, Breckenridge, Colorado-Doubletree Hotel
Aug 16-20			Optimist Odyssey to Santa Fe
Aug 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Aug 18	Sun	11:00 am	South By Southeast Community Festival, Bible Park, sponsored by Councilwomen Black
Aug 22	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Aug 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kate Donelan, Destination Imagination
Aug 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals to Breakfast
Sept 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA

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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		
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.