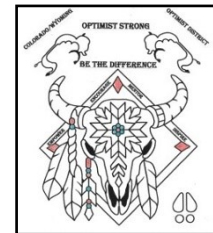




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Good Morning Optimist

On this last Friday of August and the start of the Labor Day Weekend 2018 we assembled. Our greeters were the dynamic duo of **Bill Morgan** and **David Moore**. Both were looking official and full of charm and maintaining a steady “grip and grin” of optimism to each member and guest coming in for this meeting. Today we were hosting our Super Citizen School principals and the start of a new academic year.



Bill Morgan and David Moore share a friendly good morning to all coming into the MSOC Principals to Breakfast meeting.

Photos Steve Kady

Morning Conversations and Camaraderie

Pat Bush outfitted in full black cycling attire was cruising the crowd still full of adrenaline from his morning ride. **Ron Cisco** also adorned in full black was passing out Junior Golf sponsorship photos.

Looking around the room it appeared black and green were the dominate colors this morning. Maybe a Colorado State University vs. University of Colorado game was on the horizon.



John Oss was sharing the good news concerning his wife Ruthie’s recovery from a recent accident.

Your editor watched skeptically as **Craig Eley** through a handful of pennies, nickels, and dimes into the “bedpan drawing pot” claiming they were worth two drawing tickets.



However, upon further examination by your “coin collector” editor, it was determined there was a rare 1943 penny in the gaggle. **Bob Finkelmeier**, the weekly drawing administer, immediately demanded some restitution for the financial loss, but nothing came. **Ed Collins** immediately offered to

buy it for 25 cents.

Greg Hurd was conducting an International hamburger cost, analysis session with anyone who would listen. And, past member **Kale Smith** was being treated to the ever-entertaining humor provided by resident “sit-down comedian,” **Tom Hoch**. We hope this does not mean that Kale will not renew his Monaco South membership. While **Russ Paul** and **Don Thomson** were busy and adroitly managing the seating for our School Principals.

First Bell

President **Jim Easton** brought down the gavel at 7:00 a.m. sharp, welcoming our guests, thanking our morning greeters and reminding everyone the Drawing was \$140 and that he anticipates winning. It is obvious that are Pres is “ever the optimist,” considering he had only purchased two tickets while futures speculator **Jack Kleinheksel** and several others were holding somewhere between 10 to 20 tickets.

Guests

Prez Jim recognized **Kale Smith**, reporting he was back in the house with application and check in hand! Welcome home Kale it is great to see you have returned to the Club!

Robert Wardlaw, our Chief Super Citizen Coordinator, introduced our Guest Principals and detailed how excited Monaco South is about the upcoming School Year. The Super Citizen Program came to life in the fall of 1982 and became one of our premier Student Program over the years. He also noted how much we appreciated their effort and time on a very busy school day; however, it is a great thing to honor students and see them wearing their SC t-shirts proudly.



Emmett Rivera

Guest Principal **Cesar Rivera** introduced his son, **Emmett**, with his coloring/comic book companion in hand. Emmett proudly announced he fully intends to be future a Super Citizen and was awarded with a hearty cheer and applause.

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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Comments from SC School Principals

Robert Wardlaw introduced our guests and asked them to say a few words about their school and how the super citizen program was working at their school. Some of the principals comments:

Principal **Christian Sawyer** said, *"The Super Citizen builds and embeds the philosophy of being a good student and leader within the culture of the schools. Karl Geil and Tom Mauro have always been there for us."*



Christian Sawyer, Hamilton

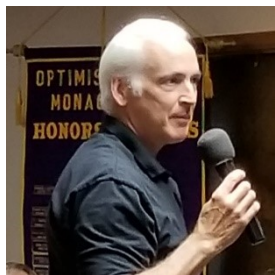
Assistant Principal **April Milow** at Holm Elementary School reported that *"Holm is evolving with the Super Citizen program and our monthly Spirt Days; and thank you for living your mission ... Optimists inspire our kids."* She also recognized **Donlie Smith** by saying *"... he has been coming to our school for 18 years."* April responding to a question stated, *"My Daughter won a Charlie Korsoski Award and Rockies Pitcher Kyle Freeland was a Holm Super Citizen who recently donated over 500 backpacks to Holm Elementary School kids."*



April Milow, Holm

Although Marti Rosenberg, principal resident, was not able to attend, **Don Thomson** read a note, which said, *"Thank-you to Don Thomson, Mike White John Oss and Pat Bush for all you do at McMeen."*

Randy Marcove who is in his 11th year as coordinator for Bradley International noted, *"one of their teachers is finalist for the Colorado Teacher of the year and the school has a vibrant and growing JOI Club, which Jon Wachter facilitates."* Randy then said "tongue in cheek" said *"teacher complain, the SC program wires the students with excitement and they are out of control—teachers are concerned."* He then added, *"there are second-generation parents who were SC's in the room at Bradley and many other schools, It's a legacy program."*



Kurt Siebold, Slavens

As the comments were being made, **Paul Stratton**, SC coordinator for Lowry Elementary, stepped forward and thanked everyone for standing up and taking over the programs at Lowry including the Jimmy Brown Perfect Attendance Award. Paul indicated that some schools are hesitant in continuing the program because of other demands on schools, but this is one program that has "lasting value to our kids."



Cesar Rivera, Samuels

Robert Wardlaw ended by thank each of the SC school representatives: **Randy Marcove**, Bradley In-



Don Thomson, former SC Coordinator and McMeen Elementary representative, with Robert Wardlaw, current SC Program Coordinator. Photos Steve Kady

ternational; **Tom Mauro** and **Karl Keil**, Hamilton Middle; **Donlie Smith**, Holm Elementary; **Paul Stratton**, Lowry; Don Thomson, McMeen; **Gary Miller**, MPB; **Kent Gloor**, Samuels Elementary; and **Tom Hoch**, Slavens Elementary.

Robert then presented each principal with a \$100 check for school supplies. It was a wonderful morning—reminding all of us that we do have a lifelong influence and impact on a whole lot of kids and their families.

Announcements

Walk to End Alzheimer's: **Cap Hermann** reflected on a memory from K-6 when the Principal addressed the 6th graders and said, *"you are at the top now, but next year, 7-8th grade you will be the bottom of your class and the same way in High School. That's kinda the way life works."* He then reminds us that the Alzheimer's Walk will again be in City Park on Saturday, September 15. He will provide information for volunteers for the food tent in the near future.

JDRF Diabetes Walk: **Ron Gustas** thanked those that already donated to support JDRF funded research seeking a cure for and improved treatment options for Type 1 Diabetes. The JDRF "OneWalk" will be held on Sunday, September 16th at Jeffco Fairgrounds. Members can make donations or pay pledges at the following sites-1) Ron's Granddaughter Ellie's team 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://bit.ly/T1DOC>. Members also were asked to volunteer to help set up the "Walk" site starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 15th. See Ron for more details.

Les Larson Update: **Don Thomson** shared that **Les Larson** is in good shape and has returned home from the hospital after a short visit in rehab. Meanwhile, **O.C. Larson** is still at the Cherry Creek Retirement Center, feels good, and looks forward to visitors.

Baseball Tickets to Support Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** said he it is time to see the baseball showdown with the Dodgers on September 9th, a Sunday afternoon game for only \$23. He has sold 150 tickets and earn \$5 per ticket for Jr. Golf. The Jr. Golf budget is \$40,000 and these are not all "Country Club" kids, but kids who like to play and come from a typical medium income home.

Brent's Place: **Ed Collins** reported he attended a recent Brent's Place event and announced they are

Announcements Continued

building a new 3rd facility for families and kids. Walt Raynor, a Monaco South Friend of Optimist (FOO) member is on the Brent's Place Board. OCMS provide support, providing a pancake breakfast at their annual Walk and Fundraiser. A thank you note from Brent's Place was presented to the Club.

Cub Scout Pack 8023: Frank Middleton announced that our Cub Scout Pack in the Stapleton area is selling popcorn and will be at our meeting on Friday, September 14, so bring popcorn money.

Banquet Celebration and Installation: Craig Eley reminded everyone of the installation banquet and urged those not yet signed up to do so. The cost is only \$25 per person. He also shared it is on the same day of President **Jim Easton's** last meeting, Friday evening, September 28th. Additionally, our new president **Everett Gardner** will be sworn into office.

Keep the Supper Citizen Going: Bob Avery reflecting on what he heard from our SC principals he encourage them to put some pressure on those "fallout schools" and that the Club is willing to work on the reinstatement process. Over the past few years we have lost several schools and we think that those kids are definitely missing out. He shared that many Eagle Scouts at the Eagle Scout banquet have shared the fact they were once a Super Citizen recipient.

Drawing

With a \$140 dollars in the pot and only five cards left you would think it would be easy, but the "lucky" Ace of Hearts was not to be found this day.



Tom Glazier gets the first chance, but no luck. **Karl Geil**, even with all of his lucky pot draws came up short on this chance.

Those who had to go for an enriched cup of cash were, **Joe Marci, Phil Perington, Al Gapuzan, Karl Geil, Craig Eley,** and **Allen Malask**. And of course your editor had to reminded them to thank Craig for all the pennies in each cup—well he too got some back.

For wearing his name tag **Kent Gloor** had a shot at the pot, but he too came up short.

Email Announcements

From Greg Hurd: Many of us remember **Kim A. (Mac) McGovern** who was an active member of Monaco South in the late 1970's and early 1980's. Mac passed away in June of this year after a long battle with MS. His family is having a funeral mass on Friday, September 21st at 10 a.m. at Church of the Risen Christ, at 3060 South Monaco, Denver.

For those interested in leaving a memorial message to Mac's family, they can leave condolences and messages at heflebowerfuneralservices.com/obituaries/Kim-McGovern/#1/Obituary at any time.

Memorials in Lieu of flowers are encouraged to the charity of your choice, in loving memory of Mr. Kim McGovern.

From Craig Eley: Rena Riffel, the widow of late MSOC member **Harlan Riffel**, who passed away in 2004, died on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Services will be September 8th at a yet to be decided location.

September Birthdays

Share a Happy Birthday to **Perry Allen, 12; Peter Dimond, 14; Jim Easton, 12; Casey Funk, 6; Frank Middleton, 28; Lupe Salinas, 12; and David Thompson, 18.**



Built a Working Bugatti Chiron Out of Lego

If you are in need of a new car, this may be for you. Unveiled at the Grand Prix Formula 1 event in Monza,



Italy, the model is made of over one million Lego Technic pieces, down to its very engine: a block of over 2,300 Lego Power Function motors and over 4,000 Technic gear wheels that give the replica

Chiron a respectable 5.3 horsepower and a modest but impressive (considering the context) top speed of just over 12 miles per hour. [Hardly a shadow of a shadow of the real thing](#), but jaw-dropping in its own way.

See the full-story and a short video clip at <https://www.popularmechanics.com/cars/car-technology/a22866883/lego-built-a-working-bugatti-chiron-out-of-lego-technic/>

September Super Citizen Presenters		
Sept 19 @ 2:30	MPB	?
Sept 27 @ 8:15	Holm	?
Sept 27 @ 1:30	McMeen	?

The new Super Citizen schedule is still being finalized and should be available in the next few weeks; however, here is the schedule for September. As you can see we are in need of presenters for each of these initial presentations. If interested, please see **Robert Wardlaw**. We also need some one to step-up and be the SC Presenter Coordinator since we seem to have lost that individual.

Weekly Greeters	
9/7/18	Ken Duffy & Ed Collins
9/14/18	Tom Glazier & Perry Allen
9/21/18	Bryce Slaby & Jon Wachter
9/28/18	?



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

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 16	Sun	9:30 am	JDRF Diabetes Walk, Jeffco Fairgrounds
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: 50 Years of Volunteerism, Bryce Slaby
Oct 12	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: JDRF Camp, Ron Gustas



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

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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.