



# Grandiose Utterings of Monaco South

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## Optimist Club of Monaco South



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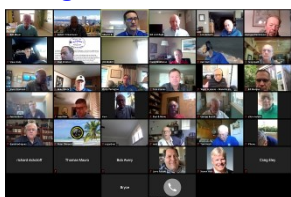
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### Good Morning Optimists Zoom Virtual Meeting

President **Bob Meyer** rang the bell at 7:00 a.m. sharp to begin our weekly tech-savvy meeting on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Prez Bob then asked Pres-elect **Dan Rodriguez** to deliver our invocation. Dan asked us to be mindful of opportunities to spread our optimism. *As Optimists, we have the ability to make the world a better place, and we should strive to do so.* He then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.



**Prez Bob** immediately recognized the August birthdays within our Club, they include, **Bud Black**, 8-14; **Marcus Goodbody**, 8-19; **Mike Miller**, 8-31; **Alton Perington**, 8-3; **Dean Sotiriou**, 8-31; and **Greg Young**, 8-23. Present or not they were treated to a rousing chorus of the MSOC Happy Birthday song. Fortunately for all in attendance, your editor kept himself on mute—my enthusiasm for singing is greater than my proficiency. *Best wishes to the birthday boys!*



### This Day in History

Somewhat surprised by the rousing birthday song **Prez**



**Bob** immediately shares the past events of August 7<sup>th</sup>, telling us this is National Purple Heart Day and International Beer Day!



The August 7<sup>th</sup> Birthdays: Mata Hari, a Dutch exotic dancer, 1867; American diplomat and Nobel Peace Prize winner Ralph Bunche, 1904; World Series perfect game pitcher Don Larsen, 1929; Olympic Marathon gold medal winner Abebe Bikila, 1932; Robert Mueller, former US special counsel, 1944; Minnesota Vikings player Alan Page, 1945; South African and American actress Charlize Theron, 1975; and Sidney Crosby, Canadian ice hockey player, 1987.

Major Events on this date: 1606, First performance of Shakespeare's "Macbeth"; 1782, George Washington creates the Purple Heart Medal—originally known as the Badge of Military Merit; 1907, Walter Johnson wins the first of his 416 career wins; 1912, Bull Moose Party nominates Theodore Roosevelt for US President; 1947, Thor Heyerdahl and his crew on the raft Kon-Tiki crash into a reef in French Polynesia after 101 days crossing the Pacific Ocean; 1953, Eastern Airlines flies the first commercial jet; 1956, Ted Williams is

fined \$5,000 for spitting at heckling Boston fans...his third such incident in three weeks; 1970, Christine McVie joins Fleetwood Mac; 1990, US deploys troops to Saudi Arabia beginning "Operation Desert Shield"; and in 2007, Barry Bonds hits his 756<sup>th</sup> career home run...breaking Hank Aaron's long-standing Major League Baseball record.

### From the Prez

**Prez Bob** reported that 62 golfers are now registered for the Junior Golf Tournament at Green Valley Ranch. The dates of the tournament are October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and so far it looks like it is a go!

Bob also let us know that the Sullivan Scholarship Winners were a feature in an article in this week's issue of The Villager. *So that is some good press for those kids, and for Monaco South!*

### Announcements

**Mini Face-to-Face Member Meeting:** **Tom Glazier** is again hosting another meetup breakfast on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at Café de France Express, 4155 E Jewell Ave. Please reach out to Tom via email or phone, 303-522-5214, if you can make it, and let him know if you want food or just coffee. Breakfast is \$10 and cash payments are preferred. Please let Tom know by Monday night so he can make the arrangements.



**Sven & Ollie Story:** **Tom Hoch** shared a Sven and Ole



joke, but it was not as good as this one—*Ole and Sven grabbed their poles and headed out to do some ice fishing. As they were auguring a hole in the ice they heard a loud voice from above say, "There are no fish under the ice." Ole and Sven moved about 25 feet over and started to make another hole. The voice said a little stronger, "There are no fish under the ice." They both looked around and then looked up. Ole said in a humble voice, "Are you, God?" The voice spoke back, "No ya idiots! I'm the ice rink attendant."*

**I Found my Razor:** **Wyatt McCallie**, after months of



searching, found his razor and presented himself to us clean shaven—and there was much rejoicing! Wyatt was also celebrating his first haircut in the past five months to be had right after our meeting.

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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\*\*\*\***

## Presidential Rants & Raves



We had another successful MSOC weekly membership meeting on Friday with about 40 members participating in the Zoom meeting which started at 8 a.m. and lasted for an hour.

The link for the recurring meetings is the same for all of our Friday morning meetings and is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82299870918?pwd=ZkdTQlJhbmwzcW9KV2k3RjJwZW55QT09>.

I am seeking for suggestions on what you would like to discuss at future Club meetings. Please let me know.

It was reported that there was an article in Bob Sweeney's "The Village" newspaper about our Sullivan Scholarship recipients from Thomas Jefferson High School. Look it up, you may find interesting.

**Kent Gloor** and **Joe Marci** reported on possible sites for future in-person Monaco South meetings at Bethany Lutheran, Calvary Baptist, and Risen Christ churches. More information will be provided in the near future.

**Tom Glazier** is recruiting Monaco South members for another breakfast this upcoming Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the same restaurant where Tom and 10 other Club members ate breakfast a couple of weeks ago. Please let Tom know (303-522-5214) by Monday night if you are interested.

Registration for the Optimist Junior Tour event at Green Valley Ranch in October continues and, as of Friday morning, we had 62 junior golfers already registered. Typically, we'll have 85 – 100 competitors for the event, so it looks we are well on our way to reach those numbers again with over two months until the tournament date.

**Alberto Rodriguez**, the Frontier District Director of the Denver Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, was our guest speaker and gave a highly informative presentation on Scouting activities in his Frontier District. It also looks like he will become a Monaco South member, thanks

## Announcements Continued

**The Magicians:** **Kent Gloor** is a magician, as he managed to be in attendance on our Zoom meeting three times at once—amazing! Speaking of amazing, Kent reported that his better-half, **Abigail Nichols**, carded an ace (a hole in one) at Wilshire Golf Course. Top notch!



**Possible Meeting Sites:** While he had the platform, **Kent Gloor** said that Bethany Lutheran Church (Dahlia and Hampden) could be a possible site for our club meetings. The church has been a host of Optimist district meetings in the past. They have a ballroom for meetings, and our club would likely need two of the three sections. Friday morning seems available, plus there is no cost but a donation would be appreciated but the church. They are not yet allowing meetings, but it could be an option for us down the road. Food would need to be catered in. Kent will stay in touch and keep us apprised.

**Be Aware of Phishing:** Since we are using our computers a lot more Microsoft is reporting that there is a massive phishing campaign using malicious Excel macros to hack PCs. Read the complete article at <https://www.zdnet.com/article/microsoft-beware-this-massive-phishing-campaign-using-malicious-excel-macros-to-hack-pcs/?ftag=TRE-03-10aaa6b&bhid=26831530186100714273454085049415&mid=12845869&cid=1293821816>

to **Frank Middleton's** request.

**Greg Hurd** will make another of his fun presentations on trains on August 14. The topic this time will be the "Bullet" trains.

**Greg Young** will be our guest speaker on August 21 and will conduct additional training on how to best use the MSOC website. This will be a follow-up to his presentation of two weeks ago and should result in more accurate member information and updated information about Club activities and projects.

Even though we are not meeting face-to-face, the MSOC membership drive continues. Please find new members and forward their membership applications and check to Greg Young for the Board to vote on. It looks like I may be getting a "replacement" time share week later this year, so that week will become the prize for the member who brings in the most new members before September 30. Come on guys, we need new members!

Although we have been successful in reaching more than 50 members with our weekly Zoom meetings, there are another 70 or so members we need to reach out to. I suggest that you reach out to members who we have not seen on the Zoom meetings and invite them to join us for future meetings or at least check in with them to see how they are doing. All it takes is a few minutes to possibly brighten someone's day as we all endure the "new normal" of "stay-in-place." If you find Club members who need assistance, please let me or Michael Chavez know so that we can set up "phone trees" to help those who may be unable to get out for grocery store trips or medical appointments.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and your loved ones; practice safe health procedures; and we will see you at some point in the future.

If you need to contact me, please call 303-919-4532 or email me at [meyerrob@comcast.net](mailto:meyerrob@comcast.net).

Yours in Optimism,

**Prez Bob**

## Some Little Known Driving Laws & Rules

Here are just some of Colorado's little-known laws and rules of the road that drivers should be aware of:

- Under 18: No cell phones are allowed. While texting and driving are against the law for every motorist, drivers under 18 years of age are additionally prohibited from using a cell phone to make calls while driving.
- Take the headphones off. It is illegal in Colorado to wear headphones while driving.
- Do not merge if you are going to slow traffic. Merging traffic must yield the right-of-way to all oncoming vehicles. Additionally, drivers must avoid merging if it means another vehicle must slow down for you.
- Parked car crash: Leave note or call police? In Colorado, you must do both. If you crash into a parked car and cannot find the owner, call police and then leave a note.
- The Right Way to Use Your Turn Signals
  - ◇ Making a left or right-hand turn at an intersection
  - ◇ Entering a driveway or parking lot on either side of the road
  - ◇ Parking on the side of the street
  - ◇ Pulling over to the side of the road
  - ◇ Changing lanes
  - ◇ Passing another vehicle on the road
  - ◇ Merging with traffic when entering a roadway
  - ◇ When leaving a roundabout or taking a highway exit

In Colorado even if there is no other vehicles or pedestrians in the area, you are required to use your turn signals. There may be traffic you cannot see, and using them should be a habit in every situation.



## Alberto Rodriguez District Director of the Denver Boy Scouts of America



BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA

DENVER AREA COUNCIL

**Frank Middleton** introduced today's guest speaker, Alberto Rodriguez. Alberto is the Frontier District Director of the Denver Boy Scouts of America. The Frontier District serves the Denver County and Denver Public Schools. Alberto is originally from Venezuela and arrived in the U.S. to attend the University of Florida. He started working for the Boy Scout in 2007 while living in Florida. In 2016 he was promoted and moved to Denver.

Alberto began by saying thank you for the work our club does with Scout groups. The Boy Scouts are a not for profit organization and are funded by the communities where they work and provide programs. He provided the link to the Denver Boy Scouts site, where you can find information on their programs: <https://www.denverboyscouts.org/>. The Denver Area Council is located at 10455 W 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 100.

Alberto says that local scouting is strong. They have developed scouting at home programs such as geo-caching, hiking, mainly focused on getting kids outside safely as much as possible. He wanted to invite any and all club members to attend the Denver Area Council's Sports Breakfast coming up on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be the 44<sup>th</sup> annual event, and all details, including how to register, can be found at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/sportsbreakfast/>.

The event is normally in person at the Pepsi Center, however this year it will be virtual with soon to be NFL Hall of Famer Steve Atwater as the MC. The event is open to everyone and there is no cost at participating. This is their largest fundraiser, and they have a goal to raise \$600,000 and they are well on the way with \$366,000 so far! Follow the link to register, and you can join Alberto's team.

The current crisis has disrupted the Scouts camping programs, of course, but Alberto took questions and shared information on a couple of their sites. The Charles S. McNeil Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch (PV) is the larger of the DAC's two camp properties. PV is located on the edge of the Black Forest, 65 miles southeast of Denver, near the town of Elbert. The property includes 3,316 acres of mountain park terrain and sits at 7,000 feet in elevation along the Palmer Divide. In addition to summer opportunities, there are numerous opportunities for weekend camping during the off-season, including unit use of the shooting ranges, rock climbing, and the ATV safety program. Alberto says the dining hall was recently expanded, and the camp is open year-round and offers tours to visitors.

Closer to home, the Donald E. Scott Adventure Point is just off 6th Avenue between Kipling and Union. It is a 20,000-square-foot Scouting and community adventure education facility designed to promote essential skills and a love of adventure. It includes a two-story rock-climbing wall, archery, and air rifle ranges, the Enger Family Technology lab, banquet rooms, the Steven G. Shrader Culinary Lab, the Graebel Relocation Services Outdoor Adventure Zone, Mark E. Honnen Leadership Development Center, and the Walter F. Imhoff Sustainability Lab. Visit the Adventure Point site at <https://coloradoadventurepoint.org>.

Alberto shared an update on the national BSA bankruptcy. It is proceeding, but the Denver area group is solvent and self-sufficient financially. He shared a link with updates on the restructuring. The BSA has a July 2021 goal of coming out of Chapter 11, see <https://www.bsarestructuring.org/>.

Alberto received the full-court press on becoming a club member, and he seems excited about the idea!

Well done Frank, an excellent arm twisting. It will be great to have Alberto aboard.

### Next Week's Meeting

Next week! Tune in (or Zoom in?) to hear our own Greg Hurd share a presentation on the bullet train. And at our meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>, **Greg Young** will share more insights on the information and opportunities on the Monaco South website. *We are currently seeking another "Greg" to give a presentation, so ask the next Greg you meet! Yes, let Prez Bob know if you have a Friday morning speaker.*

### Other News

**Joe Marci** reported that **Russ Paul** was in the hospital with a possible stroke. More details once we learn them.

**Ed Collins** shared that introduces all-in-one home communications appliance for \$599, see it [Here](#).

### On-Line Trivia Contest

TRIVIA  
CHALLENGE

By Andy Towt

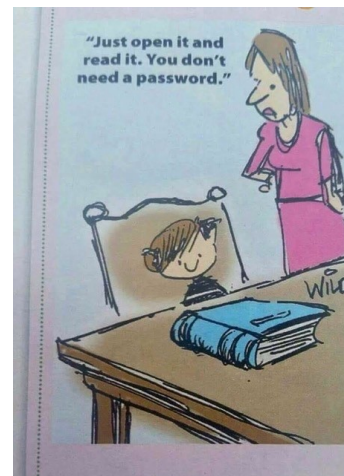
Last week's question was: *Which is not a National Park located in Colorado: Black Canyon, White Sands, Mesa Verde or Rocky Mountain?* **Dick Nickoloff, Joe Marci, Bob Hartwig, and Tom Kramis** submitted the correct answer: White Sands.

This week's trivia question is: **Who was the Governor of Colorado before John Hickenlooper?** No hints for this one.

Email your answer to [Warren.Allentown@gmail.com](mailto:Warren.Allentown@gmail.com)

Katy Barber, a friend of the Oss's shared that Ruthie Oss, wife of former member **John Oss**, has a new phone number, It is 720-210-8507.

### Back to School in Today's World



### Weekly Greeters

8/14/2020

In Person Meeting Suspended Due to Virus  
Attend a Zoom Meeting starting at 8:00 a.m.

**Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 44<sup>th</sup> Year — Chartered in 1976**  
**See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>**

Due to the need to be cautious during the CONVID-19 outbreak, meetings are virtual until at least the end of August or maybe September. Please check back for updates.

Aug 14	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 20	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD
Aug 21	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Aug 28	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 4	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 11	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Zoom Virtual Meeting
Sept 17	Thu	7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting: TBD
Sept 18	Fri	8:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: 100 Percent Day via Zoom Virtual Meeting

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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	Everett Gardner	2018-19
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.