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Good Morning Optimists

Proving we are all fortunate, we get to wake up to another beautiful morning today, this second Friday of August, the 221st day of the year, and the 49th day of summer, with only 45 more days left till Fall.

Our Greeters this morning are **Bob Avery** and **Jim VanderKamp** proving a cheerful "hello."



Bob Avery & Jim VanderKamp
Photos Noel Hasselgren

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

President **Everett Gardner** rings the bell promptly at 7:00 a.m. and calls on **Joe Marci** to read the invocation. Joe asks, "Merciful God, to help us realize the Youth of Today. As Optimists, we must help the young people of today develop into leaders of their own lives and productive citizens. To help create a better community with their new visions and traditions." Joe then leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.



From The Prez

Recruiting New Club Members: Prez Everett asks

club members to focus on recruiting new members and hands out OCMS Invitational Breakfast Cards. You can hand them out anywhere, the office, friends, business associates, etc., to invite a potential new member to join us. If you need more cards just ask. Also, there is an OCMS Membership Application and a list of all of our project on the **GUMS** Distribution email. Remember, "Member recruitment is important to the health and growth of our Club!"

Announcements

South By Southeast Community Festival: Greg Young reminds us about the South by Southeast Festival happening next week at Bible Park, Saturday, August 17th. The Community Festival includes, Food

Trucks, Games, Live Music, and Fun!

Starting at 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Our club will be helping with the parking and those



that volunteer, will get a free beer. In addition to the volunteer work for parking, **Don Thomson** tells us that he has need for volunteers to hand out information on the club and promoting our Christmas Tree lot. He is asking for help in 2-hour shifts. This is a great way to help an event that is happening in our neighborhood park! Get involved and help your community. "What are you waiting for?" You can contact either Greg or Don to get on the schedule.

Colorado Rockies Tickets & Golf Balls: "What do they have in common?" **Joe Marci** tells us — he has tickets available for the Rockies, during the remaining part of the seasons, about 42 more games to go. Ticket sales, help support the club and the CO-WY District Junior Golf program. He also has used golf balls that he is giving away. To see if any are still left, contact Joe.

An Inspiration: **John Oss** tells us about a young man he met recently who is an inspiration. **Garrison Hays** lost his knee as a 6 year old to cancer and came back to show what one can do when you one put your mind to it. Garrison was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer, at 6 years old. His parents grew concerned when weeks after a seemingly minor knee bump, he was still walking with a limp. Garrison's mom, Kori, vividly recalls getting called in for the x-ray results. The prognosis: the cancerous segment of bone would have to be removed. Children's Hospital Colorado offered him a choice of a knee replacement, a full amputation, or the Van Ness tibial rotationplasty, a procedure in which the cancerous segment of bone is removed, and the rest of the limb is rotated and reattached, giving the patient better control of the prosthesis. The knee replacement would have left Garrison's leg cosmetically intact, but he would never be able to run, jump, or play. For Garrison, the choice was clear. It did not matter



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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much when he was 6 years old that the Van Ness procedure would make him different. A decade later, he has not changed his mind.

Thank You MSOC

Jon Wachter writes for the University Hills Neighborhood Association: On Saturday, August 3rd, the University Hills Neighborhood Association pulled off another neighborhood get together at Bradley Elementary playgrounds, with the help of the men from the MSOC. U-Hills Neighborhood Association President Emily Holben had a front row seat onto the stage tent setup by our members to shade performers from the blazing summer sun. "Wow, you guys are amazing! Thank you so much for erecting such a fantastic structure. This event would not have been such a success without the help of the Monaco Optimists!"

Members who assisted where: **Michael Chavez, Tom Glazier, Mike McMahon, Andy Towt, Frank Ross, Mark Metevia, and Jon.** Three current members of MSOC where once presidents of the U-Hills Neighborhood Association, they are **Tom Glazier, Randy Marcove, and Jon Wachter.** The U-Hills Neighborhood Association is the official registered neighborhood organization for one of Denver's largest neighborhoods, University Hills.

Fellow Club Members

August 9th, *Fellow Club Members, Just a short comment from someone who has been around this District for a while. I'm guessing that some of you know that the only money we send to OI is for the dues that pay for things like our insurance, promotional material, training materials, IRS support, our Optimist Magazine and other bennies. Most, and sometimes all of the money we collect from our various fundraisers goes to either the OI Foundation to support charities like the Childhood Cancer Campaign (Johns Hopkins Childhood Cancer Research), Miracle Party event, local Childhood Cancer treatment centers and others.*

If anyone wants to hear what we are doing with our funds please attend the upcoming District Convention August 16-18th in Pueblo, both Academy Optimist President Judy McCune and our Treasurer are scheduled to be on the agenda to 'blow our horn' about the good that the club does for the District as it's Childhood Cancer Campaign Chair.

As for the future, we do need to grow our membership to support those events that we have become known for, Brain Bowl, Chili Cookoff, Casino Night, and more. Let's especially be on the lookout for someone to take their places at the helm (or both!!), they need our help very badly!

Just Say'in — We're Better Together!

Joe Priester, Zone 4 Lt Governor District CCDHH Chair
2015-17 Distinguished District OI Foundation Rep

Weekly Greeters	
Sign-Up with Jon Wachter to be a greeter, it is a good way to meet members.	
8/16/19	Ed Collins & Phil Perington
8/23/19	?
8/30/19	?

Other Notes Bob Meyer Shared Regarding the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship

- ◇ Gavin Amella—Boys 10 – 11 LD champ. Finished T10.
- ◇ Clint Summers—Finished T10 in B 10–11.
- ◇ Brayden De Stefano—19th in B10–11.
- ◇ Reese Knox—Finished 10 in B12-13.
- ◇ Austin Barry—20th in B12-13.
- ◇ Nic Pevny—T5 in B14-15. Shot 70 in R3. Age-group winner in 2018 OPTIMIST.
- ◇ Matthew Wilkinson—19th in B14-15.
- ◇ Gage Messingham—B14-15 LD champ. With dad Jason, won P-C Championship.
- ◇ Abigail Aeschleman—17th in G13-14
- ◇ Gavin Hagstrom—18th in B16-18.
- ◇ Micah Stangebye—Made 54-hole cut in B16-18.
- ◇ Jordan Jennings—Made 54-hole cut in B16-18.
- ◇ Kaylee Chen—13th in G15-18.
- ◇ Ashley Kozlowski—Made 54-hole cut in G15-18.
- ◇ Emma Bryant—Made 54-hole cut in G15-18.
- ◇ Katelyn Lehigh—Made 54-hole cut in G15-18.
- ◇ Katie Berrian—Made 54-hole cut in G15-18.
- ◇ Rachel Penzenstadler—Made 54-hole cut in G15-18.

See [Colorado Golf Association](https://www.coloradogolf.org)

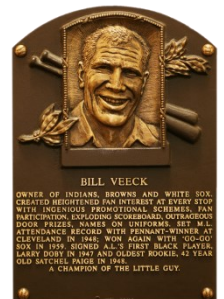
PHASE I @ <https://www.coloradogolf.org/coloradans-in-miami/>

PHASE II @ <https://www.coloradogolf.org/phase-ii-complete/>



Friday Baseball Quote

- ◇ There are only two seasons - winter and Baseball.
- ◇ I have discovered in 20 years of moving around a ballpark, that the knowledge of the game is usually in inverse proportion to the price of the seats.
- ◇ Baseball is almost the only orderly thing in a very unordered world. If you get three strikes, even the best lawyer in the world can't get you off.



William Louis Veeck Jr., an American Major League Baseball franchise owner and promoter.

February 9, 1914 - January 2, 1986

See <https://baseballhall.org/hall-of-famers/veeck-bill>

Bob Meyer CO-WY District Junior Golf

Bob Meyer, says the club sponsored 66 kids for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championship at the Trump National Doral Resort and Spa in Miami, FL. The entire field was just over 600, so we had 11% of entire field. Thanks to the [Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado](#) and CO-WY District fundraising, lead by, **Joe Marci**, **Ron Cisco**, and **Bob Meyer**, District Tri-Chairman.

Our guests today are: Caitlyn Chin (Top-ranked girl in CO in her age division and two-time DCP National Finalist. Tied for 3rd at 2019 OPTIMIST), Morgan Ryan (Finished tied for 5th at Girls' 5A State Championship in Spring 2019. Going to the University of Wyoming. Grand-daughter of Gary Strowbridge), TJ Hicks, Rhett Johnson (Boys 16-18 Long Drive champ at 2019 OIJGC), Ryan Sangchompuphen (Made 54-hole cut at 2019 OIJGC and finished 34th overall out of over 150 in his age division), and Campbell McFadden.



Front row, left: Morgan Ryan, Girls 15-18; Caitlyn Chin, Girls 10-12; Campbell McFadden, Boys 10-11; Rhett Johnson, Boys 16-18; T J Hicks, Boys 16-18; & Ryan Sangchompuphen, Boys 16-18.

Back row, left: Cap Hermann, OIJGC volunteer; Joe Marci; Bob Meyer; & Ron Cisco, the CO-WY District Tri-Chairman.

Photos Noel Hasselgren

Caitlyn Chin is the top ranked girl in her age division, in Colorado. Caitlyn thanks the club for her sponsorship to the tournament, she is 12-years old. When she was 10 she really enjoyed the Optimist tournament because they gave her a new ball and \$2 bill. She tells us about her experience at Trump National Doral, she tied for 3rd with all 3 rounds under 80! She made friends from all over the world, including Columbia. Her dad who accompanied her also took her to Disneyworld, Universal Studios and she thanks the club for their help.

Morgan Ryan, Gary Strowbridge's granddaughter who will be attending the University of Wyoming. She just graduated from Grandview HS in May. She thanks the club for their support for the CO-WY tournament, as well as Florida. She points out that **Bob Meyer** was voted OI's Junior Golf

Volunteer of the Year.

TJ Hicks, this is his 3rd time for the Tournament, he says the Optimist Tournament is the most well run event of the year. He really enjoyed the Trump National Doral Resort. On the last hole of the tournament, he hit a 6 iron and had his shaft break in the middle of his back swing, what an incredible event.

Ryan Sangchompuphen, boys 16-18 boys winner says it was one of the most fun tournaments he participated. Ryan made 54-hole cut this year and finished 34th overall out of over 150 in his age division.

Rhett Johnson also thanks the club for the sponsorship, and mentions the exposure from the play. Photo right, captured with their eyes closed, are Rhett Johnson, Boys 16-18, Long Drive Champ, hitter of a drives 274 and 294 feet, with Bob Meyer. Rhett was presented a crystal vase commemorating his achievement.



Campbell McFadden, 10-11 year old, thanks the club for giving money to attend the tournament. One of the stories he told was about hitting his ball into a tree and got stuck. Campbell's mom Kelly, wrote a Thank You Note to the club and mentioned what an incredible experience it was, the "Best week of the summer."

Bob mentions that the \$250 million renovation to the Trump National Doral Resort was made after Trump bought it and it is an outstanding facility. He also said, the only rain delay, they had was a 2-hour delay, and that they got back on the course and it turned into a 7-hour round.

Bob invites all kids up to the stage to answer questions. They tell us which schools they attend and some of their favorite memories from the tournament. They mention the food, hanging out with friends, and meeting kids from all over the world. There were college coaches attending and they were able to talk with them only after the playing round was over. What an impressive group of kids! They all mentioned that they started playing at a very young age and having experience playing tournaments from as young as 7 years of age. They also mentioned that the different types of grass in the tournaments was a challenge. Bob mentions that the Doral has three courses, the Blue Monster, the Red Tiger, and the Golden Palm. Bob mentions the player orientation where the player country flags are presented, led in by bag pipes, is very emotional — quite an entrance.

Bob thanked our club for the tremendous support for these and all the kids from the CO/WY District.

Do We Have a Drawing

Yes, we do and there is \$20 in the pot and the lucky card is the King of Clubs. Members holding tickets this morning are **John Oss** who goes for \$20, but no luck. **Dan Rodriguez** also draws, but again no luck. **Robert Wardlaw**, **Donlie Smith**, Rhett Johnson our guest, and for a second time **Dan Rodriguez** wins a cup.

Bill Morgan's name is drawn from the plastic jar but he too does not win.

Closing

We recite the pledge — Go forth and spread the word of Optimism.



Optimist Club of Monaco South 2019-2020 43rd Year — Chartered in 1976
See the Online Calendar @ <http://www.monacosouth.org/Events/Calendar>

Aug 15	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Aug 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Principals from Super Citizens Schools
Aug 16-18		8:00 am	CO-WY District Convention, Pueblo Convention Center, 320 Central Main, Pueblo, CO
Aug 17	Sat	10-7 pm	South By Southeast, Bible Park, 6600 E. Yale
Aug 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Aug 30	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: John Paterson, Volunteer Coordinator, Brent's Place
Sept 6	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Sept 13	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: One Hundred Percent Day
Sept 14	Sat	7:00 am	Alzheimer's Walk to End, City Park East, 2001 Colorado Blvd.
Sept 19	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Sept 20	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	Jim Easton	2017-18
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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NEWSLETTER EDITORS: August **Robert Wardlaw**, September **Pat Bush**, November, **Phil Perington**

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.