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Good Morning Optimists

On this age-old Groundhog and Super Bowl LIII (53)



Dick Nickoloff & Ed Collins provide a warm greeting. Joe Marci is in the background overseeing their activity.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

weekend, **Ed Collins** and **Dick Nickoloff** serve as our official greeters. It wasn't noticed which event got the most attention.

Note: Groundhog Day is a popular tradition celebrated in Canada and the United State on February 2nd. However, on this particular day, Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow, and predicts an early spring. So, do not get too excited, he is usually wrong—Phil is right only 39 percent of the time—[Click Here](#) to hear this years ceremony.



Punxsutawney Phil

Super Bowl LIII is on Sunday, with the American Football Conference New England Patriots playing the National Football League Los Angeles Rams. The game will be played at the new Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. See Cynthia Frelund's score prediction and win probabilities for each team, along with in-depth analysis for player matchups—[Click Here](#).



First Bell

President Everett got the meeting started right at the top of the 7:00 a.m. hour and called **Mike McMahon** for the *Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance*.

Guests

Bob Avery had a guest, Steve Caldera. Also present was a super tree lot helper, Max Rush.

Announcements

Cy Regan Update: **Donley Smith** reported that Cy was now living with his son, Dan Regan, in the Highlands Ranch area. He is doing fine, but would love to hear from members. He can



called in the evening at 720-933-8668. Give Cy a call and let him know we are all wishing him well!

Dime-A-Day Program: **Perry Allen**, our Dime-A-Day crusader, was still looking for contributions. Remember, whether \$36.50 or \$365.00, he looks forward to your check.

2018 Tree Lot Update: **Joe Marci** reported today on the final results of the tree lot (pending some minor final expenses). The fabulous work by all the members who participated allowed us to gross over \$129,000 and net at least \$50,000, by selling 1585 trees, lots of wreaths, and tons of garland. He explained that this was the best year ever at the tree lot.

This number includes donations or tips of over \$3,400, one of which was a check for \$1,000 to pay for a \$140 tree. We did over \$57,000 in credit card sales.

Greg Young will be working over the summer to set up a new high tech terminal that can record all sales and more easily take credit cards. We had only one bad check, and that was made good in late December after the party responsible was contacted.

Additionally, money has been reserved to allow for major improvements to the Lot trailer. These will be accomplished by **Mark Metevia** and **Tom Kramis** over the summer. Tom is also assuming the role of Project Manager for future tree lots, with the able assistance of Joe and past helpers. All members are encouraged to think about how we can recruit more manpower next year and funnel these ideas to Tom, along with any ideas for improvements to the tree lot operations. This year we had lots of help from Tamarac Optimist Club members, and Thomas Jefferson and Overland High School students. These groups collectively earned \$2,400 for their support of the lot.

TriStar Basketball Contest: **Michael Chavez** announced the annual club TriStar Basketball Contest will be held on Wednesday, February 20th, beginning at 3:30 p.m. until around 5:30 p.m. The contest is held at the Cope Boys and Girls Club at 808 Inca Street. It is open to boys and girls ages 8-13 and consists of measuring three skills: Passing, Shooting, and Drib-

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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*****



bling. Members help set up the course, score each participant, and help with takedown of equipment. We will all go to dinner for great Mexican food afterwards nearby at the famous [Brewery Bar II](#) at 150 Kalamath St. Contact Michael to sign up.

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of each Local Contest are invited to a Regional Tournament that is held in West Denver at North High School. The Regional Tournaments are usually held on Sunday, March 10th.

Regional 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners are invited to compete at the District Finals held before a Nuggets game (Sunday, March 31st). District 1st place winners are announced to the crowd before the game and District 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners participate in the Fan Tunnel where they greet the Nuggets players as they enter the court. Learn more at: <http://www.tristarbasketball.org/Index.php>

CO-WY Brain Bowl Continues: Karl Geil reported the North Region Optimist Brain Bowl was held on January 26 at Standley Lake High School in Westminster, where 91 teams, approximately 455 students, from 22 schools competed. The winning teams were Stargate 6C, Summit Charter 7B, and Summit Charter 8B. The top 4 from each grade level can be found here: <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/Resources/North%20Results/North2019FinalsResults.pdf>.

We had a total of 153 volunteers from 20 different Optimist Clubs, and, as usual, Monaco South led the way with 20, 13percent of the total. Boulder Luncheon Optimists were close behind with 19 volunteers. Monaco South members were **Everett Gardner, David Telpner, Michael Chavez, Randy Marcove, Al Gapuzan** (with his wife, Dona), **Pat Bush, Craig Eley, George Buzick, Paul Bernard, Mark Metevia, Joe Marci, Kent Gloor, Bob Avery, John Oss, Phil Perington, Paul Stratton, Allen Pierce, Bob Meyer, Mark Smith, and Karl Geil.** Next up is the South Region tournament this coming Saturday, February 2nd, at Challenger Middle School in Colorado Springs.

We have just enough Readers to get through the tournament, but we could still use some Scorekeepers and Timekeepers. If you can make it, please come. We need all volunteers to arrive by 7:00 a.m. and get signed in, so we can calculate how many volunteers we can send to each competition room.

CO-WY 2nd Quarter Conference: John Oss once again reminded us that Saturday, February 9th will be the District Quarterly Conference. The venue is Hyland Hills Golf Course and their restaurant Ciancio's. Dee Clark, who has worked to help the homeless, will be the keynote speaker. A registration form and agenda are attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Monaco South Ski Day: Bob Avery says that Ski Day is coming up on Monday, February 4th at Copper Mountain. See Bob to sign up. Those interested can come up on Sunday night and then breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Monday prior to hitting the slopes.

Optimist Club of Monaco South Policies: At the

Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

Hey Gang, Here's this week's "RANT & RAVES vs. ... Tweets" for your readership ...

PAST ... "The BRAIN BOWL IS CCONTINUING ... only the Championship to complete.

It was a pleasure to meet Audrey Reyes from "Denver Kids Inc." and see the clip of now one young lady in her Jr. year at Loyola Marymount succeeded. A prime example of how adults have a positive effect on those with lesser opportunities and another chance to be a mentor.

Saturday was the third Brain Bowl competition for which I was unable to attend. Thanks to all who participated as it takes a great deal of help to orchestrate the even especially with various clubs from Colorado / Wyoming District participating. Results are posted on the Brain Bowl web site at <https://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/Resources/South%20Results/South2019FinalsResults.pdf>.

Thanks to Bob Avery, Don Thomson, and Joe Marci who all had guests; a special welcome to Steve and Max. Where on our way to having 5 guests per meeting. Did they all receive applications?

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... Colorado / Wyoming District Quarterly Conference next Saturday, 9 February @ Hyland Hills Golf Course and their restaurant Ciancio's. See the agenda attached to Dr. Bob's distribution email. I encourage all to attend to gain a larger appreciation of what OI and our district does beyond the walls of Monaco South.

WORK WISE ... I'm heading to NoCal next week but will be back for our Friday gathering See y'all for breakfast. BTW, wasn't the omelet great for a change up!

FUTURE ... Championship Brain Bowl, February 23. Additional help is needed and welcomed.

PS; Bring a GUEST next week We've all met and invited new people during Christmas tree sales! Goal; 5 Guest per meeting for February. Need more guests / new members! I have a guest coming next week.

Prez Everett

January 17, 2019 Board Meeting the Club's Policies/ Bylaws were updated and approved. Members can see this document attached to GUMS distribution email of [CLICKING HERE](#).

2019 Denver Golf Expo: Joe Marci reported if you want to help at the GOLF EXPO next weekend let him



know ASAP. We need a few more to help with the long putt contest on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The EXPO is at the Merchandise Mart on 58th at Washington. Free admission will be

provided for anyone who helps with the long putt contest. We have a booth donated to the Optimist JR Golf program and have volunteers for it as well. Anyone interested should call or email me and I will submit them as volunteers. Call me at cell number is 303-847-7844 or email is jmarci899@gmail.com.

Junior Golf Fund Raiser: As you know Joe Marci is always collecting funds for the CO-WY Junior Golf program and for years he has setup a Super Bowl Football Pool. If you ever wondered how it is done see, "How Do Football Squares Work" @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?> All of his Square Sheets are attached to the GUMS distribution email.

Denver Kids Inc.

Audrey Reyes, Manager of Volunteer Mentor Program

Don Thomson introduced our morning speaker Audrey Reyes from [Denver Kids Inc.](http://denverkidsinc.org) Audrey explained that Denver Kids helps Denver Public Schools students, grades K-12, who face the personal challenges of higher risk environments to successfully complete high school, pursue post-secondary options, and become empowered to positively shape their lives.

Since 1946, Denver Kids has provided educational counseling and mentoring to thousands of Denver Public School (DPS) students, grades K-12. Each child is provided with the support and guidance that most effectively minimizes the risk factors that are impeding academic success. The program strives to help each student achieve his or her potential by offering encouragement and supporting their healthy social, emotional, and academic development.

Preventive counseling and mentoring program provides one-to-one guidance to 1,150 students in nearly 160 Denver Public Schools. We work with referrals from DPS to identify students in situations of higher risk who could benefit from joining the program. Each full-time Denver Kids Educational Counselor works with a caseload of 45-55 students. They see students on a weekly to semi-monthly basis and are often the most stabilizing influence in the child's life.

Referrals of students are encouraged in the elementary years, as research has shown that long term consistent support of higher risk students is most effective. On average, a Denver Kids graduate is in the program for seven years. Once a student has entered the program, Denver Kids is committed to supporting the child through high school graduation as long as he or she remains a student of DPS.

Denver Kids is successful in helping students achieve academic success and become college and career-ready through constant reinforcement of positive behaviors, exposure to myriad enrichment opportunities, and encouragement of academic achievement and attendance.

Their program follows a CASEL model, focusing on Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning.

Educational Counselors, the core of their programs. They serve elementary, middle, and high school students, closely



Audrey Reyes
Photo Noel Hasselgren

monitoring achievement indicators and social emotional development. They are the essential bridge between school and home, connecting all parties – DPS teachers, principals, coaches, and parents – and finding holistic ways to give each student the extra support they or she needs to succeed.

Volunteering & Mentoring: Denver Kids pairs qualifying students in our program with adult volunteer mentors for a minimum of one year. Mentors work closely with a student's Educational Counselor to position students for success, understanding their unique goals and challenges. Mentors spend a few hours each month with their mentee, engaging in a variety of activities that may include movies, concerts, ball games, and museum visits. And sometimes, just hanging out and talking.

Future Options: Future-focused conversations happen the instant a student is matched with a Denver Kids Educational Counselor, empowering them to create a path toward success. This approach helps ensure that all eligible high school seniors in our program apply to college or have a formal post-secondary plan in place upon graduation. Post-secondary options include two and four-year degrees, vocational programs, and programs offering certificate degrees.

Student Engagement: From summer camps and ski trips to student leadership council and community service projects, the Denver Kids Student Engagement Program offers a variety of year-round opportunities that keep kids engaged in learning outside of the classroom. Students gain exposure to new ideas, experiences, and points of view that encourages them to build strong relationships with their peers and positive role models.

Parent Engagement: Parents are often the single greatest driver of academic success. Moms and dads play a critical role in their children's education. Our Educational Counselors work with parents to encourage involvement and provide the necessary resources and trainings to empower them to contribute to their children's education and future.

She encouraged all to Become a Mentor — See Job description @ <https://denverkidsinc.org/volunteer-mentor-job-description/>.

To contact Audrey, email audrey_reyes@dpsk12.org

Super Bowl Humor



Weekly Greeters

2/8/19	Joe Marci & Dick Nickoloff
2/15/19	Don Roth & Mark Metevia
2/22/19	George Buzick & Al Gapuzan

Do We Have a Drawing?

Despite the absence of an editor who would have captured this information, we had no one take the Big Pot; therefore, the Big Pot goes to \$200.

Closing Creed

President Gardner asked our speaker Audrey Reyes, to lead us in the *Optimist Creed: Promise yourself....*

February Super Citizen Presenters

Feb 8 @ 1:00	Samuels	Frank Middleton & Jim Easton
Feb 19 @ 2:30	MPB	Joe Marci
Feb 21 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
Feb 22 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter & Phil Perington

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

Feb 4	Mon	7:00 am	MSOC Ski Day, Copper Mountain Resort, Bob Avery
Feb 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: National History Day, Kayla Gabehart, Associate Director
Feb 9	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 2nd Qtr. District Conference, Cianco's, 9650 Sheridan Blvd, Westminster, CO
Feb 15	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: DFD Lt. Deb Thorson, Safety Education
Feb 20	Wed	3:00 pm	Tri-Star Basketball Competition, Cope Boys & Girls Club, 808 Inca St.
Feb 21	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Feb 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Mark Krekeler, Training for Health
Feb 23	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl Championship Tournament, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 East Dartmouth Ave
Mar 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Linda Williams, AmerCorps, <i>A Little Help</i>
Mar 8	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Mar 8	Fri	5:00 pm	Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street

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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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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.