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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick

Good Morning Optimists

On this crisp clear Friday morning, February 15 of 2019, we were greeted by **Al Gapuzan** and **Don Roth**. Both shared a smile and a warm “hello.”



Al Gapuzan and Don Roth
Photo Noel Hasselgren

On this day in 600 AD, Pope Gregory commanded that “*God Bless You*” is the correct response to a sneeze, since sneezing was often the first sign that someone was falling ill with the plague.

First Bell & Invocation

After calling the meeting to order, **Prez Everett Gardner** called on one of our newer members, **Roy Jarrett**, to read the invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

From the Prez

Prez Gardner proclaimed that today’s meeting would be one of **camaraderie**, as the scheduled speaker was unavailable. There were also no guests, so he called for those with announcements to come forth. While they were assembling he stated that Monaco South members in attendance at last week’s 2nd Quarter Conference of the Colorado/Wyoming District composed 10 percent of the total participants—11 out of 106 in attendance. He also attended a meeting of the Strategic Growth Committee, along with **Phil Perington** and **John Oss**. And he mentioned casually that we will no longer be paying dues to Optimist International, we will be “making an annual donation.” Further clarification on this will be forthcoming.



Everett Gardner

Announcements

Update on Russ Paul: **Michael Chavez** announced that **Russ Paul** will be having heart valve surgery early next week. Michael also shared a Get Well card for Russ that he



had circulated for signing this morning. Good luck to Russ and hurry back!

TriStar Basketball Contest: **Michael Chavez** also reminded those who signed up for Tri-Star Basketball, on Wednesday, February 20th, that they need to be at the William Cope Boys and Girls Club at 8th and Inca no later than 3:30 p.m. The contest runs until about 5:30 p.m. If you care to join a group going to dinner, it is on your own at the Brewery Bar II, 150 Kalamath St., after the contest you are welcome to participate.

Windsor Garden Optimist Pancake Breakfast: Michael also shared the Windsor Gardens Optimist Club will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 30th. More details will soon be provided as we get closer to that date.

CO/WY Junior Optimist Octagon: **Phil Perington** talked about supporting the current President of the Colorado Wyoming Junior Optimist Octagon (JOOI) organization. **Mark King**, from the San Creek Octagon Club, is the current president and also a member of the JOOI International Board of Directors. According to Phil, Mark is an extremely competent indi-



vidual, but has limited resources and needs reliable transportation in order to attend JOOI events all over Colorado and Wyoming. (Editor’s Note: There are 13 JOOI clubs currently in the District.) Phil and some others have started a “capital development fund” to buy a car for Mark. The goal is \$8,000, and \$6,500 has already been raised. If you would like to contribute, please contact Phil at 303-832-4578.



Mark is pictured here in the center. He is with Calipe Brown & Katrina Smith, at the CO/WY JOI District 1st Convention in May of 2018.

CO-WY Brain Bowl Championship Tournament: **Karl Geil** announced that the CO/WY Brain Bowl Championship will be held at Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E Dartmouth Ave. on Saturday, February 23rd.

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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******

Announcements Continued

Volunteers should report no later than 6:45 a.m. Lunch will be served to all volunteers between the morning and afternoon competitions. If you would like to volunteer for this championship tournament, contact Karl.

2019 Denver Golf Expo Completed: **Bob Meyer**

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JUNIOR GOLF

thanked those members who helped out with the Golf Expo at the Merchandise Mart last week. They were **Sewell Black; Gary Miller; Phil Perington; Noel Hasselgren; Don Thomson; Mike McMahon; Frank Middleton**, and his grandson **Cam; Gary Strowbridge** and **Cap**

Hermann. Bob also mentioned that our District has been awarded 64 slots at the Optimist Junior tournament championship, which will be held at the Trump National Doral Golf Club in Miami, Florida, July 16th to July 31st. We need lots of money to send these kids to the tournament. Please consider participating in numerous fundraising tournaments to be held this spring and summer. More information can be found on the CO-Wy Junior Golf webpage at <https://sites.google.com/site/cowyoptimistgolf/home>. Contact **Bob Meyer, Joe Marci** or **Ron Cisco** for details.

Update Kevin Koalenz's Wife: **Jack**

Kleinheksel requested that we keep **Kevin Koalenz** wife **Susan Steele** in our thoughts and prayers, as she has been diagnosed with inoperable throat cancer.



Samuels Elementary SC Program: **Kent Gloor** thanked those who participated in the Samuels Elementary Super Citizen program, including **Tracey Sorensen, Jim Easton, Frank Middleton, Dick Nickloff** and photographer **Noel Hasselgren**. Thirty SC students were recognized by thirteen teachers for being good citizens in their classroom. Samuels Elementary allows us to recognize students four times during the academic school year. The next and last program is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd, starting at 8:30. Should you like to assist Kent, please let him know.

Bob Avery's Son is Home: A very elated and ecstatic **Bob Avery** shared that his son **Steven** was back home and acclimating to the world outside of walls, having been given \$100 and a set of clothes on his release from the State Correctional system. Bob said that once his son is settled in, he will bring him for a visit to our Club. Bob shared this picture of a delighted family.



Pictured L-R, Bob's wife Dorcas, son James, Bob, son Stephen, & Amy, Fiancée of James.

Dime-A-Day Program: **Perry Allen**, our Dime-A-Day crusader, reiterated his offer to match anyone contributing at least \$365 to the OI Foundation with his own contribution of \$36.50, up to 10 times. So far he has had two members make the \$365 donation.

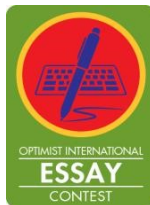
Should you like to make a contribution complete the Dime-A-Day form attached to *GUMS* distribution email and give the form and your check of \$36.50 to Perry.



Cub Scout Pack 8023: **John Oss** talked his visit with the Cub Scout Pack sponsored by MSOC at Lowry at their recent Pinewood Derby. John recognized **Frank Middleton** as the "guiding light" of this group of youngsters. More information regarding this young Cub Scout pack can be learned from Frank.

MSOC Essay Contest: **Wyatt McCallie**

about the Essay Contest to be held in conjunction with the Thomas Jefferson High School English Department. Wyatt said that they generally have about forty entries which he, **Jack Kleinheksel** and **Joe Marci** judge. Topic for this year is "*When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?*" Club winners will be submitted to the District for judging against other club winners. The District winner will receive a scholarship to the college of their choice, in the amount of \$2,500, funded by the Optimist International Foundation. Information from the OI Foundation webpage can be found at www.oifoundation.org



Announcement Time

When the call goes out for announcements a typical line forms to share the news. You can also see this



months *GUMS* editor, **George Buzick**, doing his best to capture what is reported.

As a reminder, you can help all of the *GUMS* editors and assure a bit more accuracy in reporting by share a few notes with the editor. All it takes is jotting down the response to the "Five Ws" and "one H" questions. The answers to these questions constitute a formula for getting the complete story on a subject. Help your *GUMS* editors by jotting down some note to minimize "Fake News"!



Some Camaraderie

The following are some of Noel Hasselgren's pictures of meaningful camaraderie...



Meaningful Camaraderie...



Information about the OI Foundation

Mission

Helping Optimists Help Kids: Seeking, receiving and managing funds and real personal property for the benefit of Optimist International and its Member Clubs in its charitable, literary and educational activities.

Vision Statement: We envision a Foundation that can provide significant funding for Optimist International's youth and service programs and is proudly supported by individual Optimists, their Clubs, and the community at large.

Tax and Charitable Status: The Optimist International Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. Within 501(c)(3), the Foundation is a 509(a)(1) public charity.

History: Optimist International Foundation (OIF) was established in 1971 exclusively for the charitable, literary and educational purposes of Optimist Interna-

tional, a community service-based organization committed to creating a more optimistic future for young people through innovative programs. OIF works with Optimist Clubs located in over 2,100 communities in the United States and the Caribbean.

The Foundation has grown steadily since 1971 and is recognized as a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. The Foundation's Board of Directors grants funds to Optimist International each year for the development and improvement of International programs. Programs funded by the Foundation serve 1.5 million children annually. Optimist International Foundation depends on the support from Optimist Clubs and individual Members, the general public, businesses and corporations.

OI Foundation webpage can be found at www.oifoundation.org



Drawing

Do we have a drawing? We do, in fact, have a drawing worth \$210 if you can draw the Four of Diamonds.



On the first call of the tickets, **John Stoffel** went for a cup of money, even though he had first shot at the big pot.

Then **Noel Hasselgren** and **Don Roth** both went for all the marbles, with no luck. **Craig Eley**, **Pat Bush**, and **Steve Kady** all had to settle for small change. Lucky **Al Gapuzan** was wearing his name tag, but he also came up short. More money next week!



A bit of NFL 2019 Humor A Bad Lip Reading of The NFL



The Bad Lip YouTube Channel looks back at the 2018-2019 NFL season... see it @ https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=60&v=ZvSWIOtp3hs

Weekly Greeters

Weekly Greeters	
2/22/19	George Buzick & Al Gapuzan
3/1/19	?

February Super Citizen Presenters

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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 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: Ron Benson, OI Foundation
Mar 8	Fri	5:00 pm	Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, Renaissance Denver Stapleton Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street
Mar 21	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Mar 22	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Mar 29	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Brad Appel, Wish for Wheels

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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		
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.