

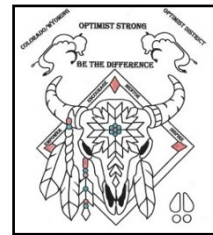


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Optimist Club of Monaco South



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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush for Paul Stratton

Good Morning Optimist

This morning was cold, and we got just enough moisture that there was a thin layer of ice on the parking lot. One had to be a bit careful with their footings. But there was no ice inside the Legion Hall as we were greeted with the warm smiles and handshakes of newcomer



Les Volpe, Frank Middleton, Ron Cisco, with Frank's camera shy grandson Cam.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

Les Volpe and veteran **Ron Cisco**. Since this was a Camaraderie Day, the maestro of mixing up the seating arrangement, **Frank Middleton** and his grandson **Cam**, were handing out table cards.

Invocation & Pledge

Wyatt McCallie delivered the invocation about being as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own. That seems appropriate considering we are in the middle of the Winter Olympics. He then lead us in the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the flag.

Guests

We did not have any guests that were considering to become Monaco South Optimist member, however, **Frank Middleton** introduced his five-year-old grandson **Cam**. Welcome, **Cam**, and perhaps in 20 years or so you will consider joining us.



Cam, lower right, is joined by granddad Frank and Ron Cisco. This time he shares a smile.

New Member Induction

President **Jim Easton** inducted **Mark Smith** into membership this morning. While Mark has been an active member for several months, we finally had everything, except

his sponsor in place to formally induct Mark, but **Tom Glazier** stepped-up. Mark worked many hours at the tree lot last December as well as the Thanksgiving Dinner. He will be a valuable asset to the club for many years to come. Welcome, Mark!



Tom Glazier, Pres Jim Easton, & new member Mark Smith.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

From the Prez

Constitutional Scholars Reception: A reception for the winners of Colorado Constitutional Scholars Competition from East High School is scheduled for Thursday, April 19th, at the Governor's Residence, 400 E. 8th Avenue from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The reception is to honor the Colorado winners. East High School has been very successful in state as well as national competition over the last several years. Monaco South has contributed financial support to help the East High Constitutional Scholars travel to the national competition. If you would like to represent MSOC at this reception, please let Jim know.

Eagle Scout Award Banquet: The 2018 Eagle Scout Awards Banquet for the Denver Area Council will be held on Friday, March 9th, at the Denver Renaissance Hotel, starting with a reception at 5:00 p.m. Monaco South started and has supported this event since its inception. Monaco South members are now in the process of judging project entries at this time. The club also sponsors a table at the banquet and still has a couple of seats available. If you would like to attend the banquet, let President Jim know, but, these seats go quickly so do not delay.

Announcements

OC Larson Luncheon: **Don Thomson** provided an update on **OC Larson** and shared that he is much improved and has requested visits from members of the

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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******

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club. So Don is planning a luncheon with OC on Wednesday, February 21st at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate OC's birthday, which was on February 8th. OC is currently at the Cherry Creek Assisting Living facility at 6325 S. University Blvd. If you would like to attend, give Don a call at 303-757-4273 no later than Monday, February 19th. Don says he will even buy lunch.



OC Larson

Tri-Star Basketball: Michael Chavez reported that the Tri-Star Basketball competition sponsored by Monaco South was held last Thursday, February 15th at the Cope Boys and Girls Club. He had nine Monaco South members on hand to help time, score, and monitor the competition. They were **Ron Cisco, Don Thomson, Donlie Smith, Bryce Slaby, Gary Strowbridge, John Greene, Ed Collins, Don Roth,** and Michael. Thirty-five kids competed, and the top winners will go on to the CO-WY regional tournament on March 18th. Michael will give us more information on that event as it approaches. He will be asking for help to conduct that competition as well.

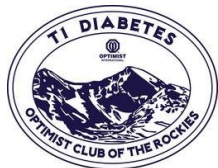


Clothes to Kids of Denver: Craig Eley shared that Clothes to Kids of Denver, a non-profit organization that provides free school clothing to students from preschool through 12th grade age of low-income families, needs warehouse space (at least 1200 square feet) at low or no cost to help them fulfill their mission to children. Ideally the warehouse space would be within a 15-minute drive of the University Hills area. The space would be used for receiving and sorting clothing and would not be open to the public. It does not have to be pretty and the floorplan does not matter. If you have space and can help, contact Eileen Robinson at 303-618-1478 or volunteer@clothestokidsdenver.org.



Clothe a Child ~ Change a Life
A Non-Profit Organization

T1DOC Fifth Year Anniversary: The five-year anniversary for the Type One Diabetes Optimist Club is this coming week. Monaco South sponsored this club. Founding member **Ron Gustas** invites all Monaco South members to the T1DOC meeting this Thursday, February 22nd at the Citron Bistro restaurant, 3535 S. Yosemite Street. The meeting is 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. but he recommends arriving at 6 p.m. to order dinner, if you want to eat, and rub elbows with some of the T1DOC members. Over the last five years, the D1DOC has raised nearly \$100,000 for diabetes research. They will be discussing their upcoming "On Line" auction and have their three essay contest entries read.



Optimist Brain Bowl: Karl Geil reminded us not to forget that the Optimist Brain Bowl Championship Tournament will be held Saturday, February 24th at Hamilton Middle School. All volunteers need to report to the school by 7:00 a.m. This is the culmination of the 2018 Brain Bowl Season and has been called the "Grand Daddy of Them All." Do not miss this event.

Colorado History Day: Karl Geil also mentioned he is still looking for veteran judges to help review and rate the many Colorado History Day entries at Hamilton Middle School. Judges must determine the 20 entries that Hamilton will be allowed in the district competition. The Hamilton projects will be reviewed on Friday, March 16th at the school. If you are an experienced judge, Karl could use your help. Just let him know if you are available on that Friday.

CO-WY District Conference: Greg Young announced that Monaco South received several awards at the Second Quarter District Conference last weekend. Monaco South was an Honor and Distinguished Club. Awards were presented to President **Craig Eley**, Treasurer **Greg Young**, and Secretary **Randy Marcove** in recognition of our honor and distinguished status. In addition, **Mike McMahon** was recognized as Distinguished Lt. Governor. Congratulations to all of the award recipients!



Jim Easton, Greg Young,
& Craig Eley
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Golf Expo Update: Joe Marci thanked those members that helped staff the Golf Expo exhibit for Junior Golf last weekend. Monaco South members that participated were **Gary Miller, Noel Hasselgren, Gary Strowbridge, John Greene, Cap Hermann, Don Thomson, Bob Avery, Barry Barker, Mike McMahon, Phil Perington, Frank Middleton** and, of course, **Bob Meyer** and **Joe Marci**. Other volunteers that helped out were **Jesse Bopp, Bill Ambron, Bob Krech,** and **Sam Pegues**.

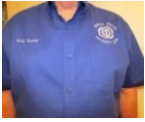


Ski Fest: The annual ski fest has been rescheduled for Monday, March 26th. This is the Copper Mountain trip hosted by **Bob Avery**. He will be serving breakfast at his condominium before heading up the mountain to face the challenge of the black slopes. The day will be topped off with a visit to the hot tub. Be sure to sign up if eating, skiing, and soaking is your thing.

Are You Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair?: "The Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair" contest is set for Friday, March 9th at our regular membership meeting. **Craig Eley** hosts this annual affair that pits five of our brightest members against **Karl Geil**, the Brain Bowl Chair. This has been a back and forth competition over the years with neither side establishing a dynasty to date.

Monaco South Optimist Shirts & Hats: **Greg Young** is still taking orders for Monaco South shirts. They come in a variety of colors and styles. Get your

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name on the list if you would like a new shirt. Monaco South ball caps are also available from Greg. See Greg for color and size descriptions.

Cyber Bullying: President **Jim Easton** shared that cyber bullying, a subject coming to the forefront, and that he is exploring how Monaco South might get involved with our youth in fighting this type of activity. With this last school shooting incident as a springboard, he welcomes any and every idea from the membership on how we can help prevent cyber bullying. If you have any thoughts about how Monaco South can become involved, let know.

Greeters Needed: **Jon Wachter** is always looking for greeters at the membership meetings. This is a great way to get to know all of our member's names and faces. With new members coming in all the time, being a greeter is beneficial to the long-time members as well.

Super Citizen Presenters: Super Citizen presenters are always needed. While this may seem intimidating, it is actually rather simple and can be fun. Sign up to be a presenter at one of the sight schools that we award Super Citizen recognition or contact Dr. **Rob Gardner** who oversees the schedule. Currently he has openings for presentation next month.

Weekly Drawing

With \$40 in this week's pot drawing winners who took the sure thing included **Jack Kleinheksel** (twice), **Tom Hoch**, **Ron Cisco**, **Bob Avery**, and **Dave Moore**. **Noel Hasselgren**, **Ed Collins**, and **Harry Fegley** took a chance at the cards, but none pulled the right one. So, the pot continues to grow!

Camaraderie Day

With this being a Winter Olympic year, **Noel Hasselgren**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, and **Dave Moore** demonstrated their judging skills. It was not clear what they were judging or what the scale represented.



Some other Camaraderie is shown below.



Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day Humor

Happy Valentine's Day

What not to do:

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for Valentine's Day. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust!" And then the fight started

My wife was standing looking into the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said, "I feel horrible, I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a few compliments." I replied, "Your eyesight's darn near perfect, you should be proud of that." And then the fight started

February Super Citizen Presenters

Feb 20 @ 2:30	MPB	Paul Gibson
Feb 22 @ 1:00	Lowry	Greg Young
Feb 22 @ 1:00	McMeen	?
Feb 23 @ 3:00	Bradley	?

Weekly Greeters

2/23/18	Jack Kleinheksel & Jack Kitchell
3/2/18	Tom Kramis & Casey Funk
3/9/18	Don Roth & Joe Marci
3/16/18	Bill Blunden & Al Gapuzan

Optimist Club of Monaco South 2018-2019 41st Year — Chartered in 1976

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

Feb 21	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Feb 23	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Maro Casparian, Director Consumer Fraud, Denver's DA's Office
Feb 24	Sat	6:45 am	Brain Bowl Championship Tournament, Hamilton Middle School, 8600 E. Dartmouth Ave.
Mar 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Mar 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: <i>Are You Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair?</i>
Mar 9	Fri	5:00 pm	Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, Renaissance Denver Stapleton, 3801 Quebec Street
Mar 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Mar 18	Sun	12:30 pm	Regional TriStar Basketball Competition, North High School, 2960 N. Speer Blvd.

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
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Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	200Feb. 03
John Young	198Feb. 83	Karl Geil	2003-04
Pat Bush	1983-84	Bryce Slaby	2004-05
Bob Hugo	1984-85	Donlie Smith	2005-06
Tom Mauro	1985-86	Paul Bernard	2006-07
Curt Lorenzen	1986-87	Greg Young	2007-08
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Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Ron Cisco	2009-10
Bob Avery	1989-90	Ed Collins	2010-11
Bill Litchfield	1990-91	Randy Marcove	2011-12
Bill Walters	1991-92	Paul Simon	201Feb. 13
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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.