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Editor for this Issue—George Buzick

Good Morning Optimists

On this Friday morning, **Joe Marci** and **Dick Nickoloff** brave the bitter cold temperatures to warmly greet fellow Optimists. However, they did not tell us that on this date in 1857, Mary Queen of Scotts was beheaded at Fortherghay Castle for her complicity in the attempted overthrow of Elizabeth I.



Joe Marci & Dick Nickoloff
Photos Noel Hasselgren

First Bell

Since our intrepid President is somewhere other than here, Vice-President **Bob Meyer** calls the meeting to order at the appointed time.



O.C. Larson

After the morning Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Bob welcomed **O.C. Larson**, whom we haven't seen for a while. O.C.'s son Jeff brought him by to help celebrate his birthday, which is today. With that in mind, the members join in on a reasonable replica of "Happy Birthday." *Welcome back O.C.!*

Announcements

Super Bowl Pool: **Joe Marci** started by saying that several members of the club were winners in the Super Bowl Pool to raise funds for the CO-WY Junior Golf qualifier event and that **Greg Young** was the big winner.

2019 Denver Golf Expo: **Joe** then mentioned that the Colorado Golf Expo will be this weekend at the Merchandise Mart at 58th and Washington. While **Joe** says they are adequately staffed at the booth for both Saturday and Sunday, he invited everyone to come out and enjoy this kick-off event of the golf season.

Rails in the Rockies Train Show: Ever the "Rail-roader," **Greg Hurd** shared that the Rails in the Rockies Train Show in Estes Park is Saturday and Sunday, February 16 and 17 this year. This is a very good train

show with operating layouts, train tables with many trains for sale, etc. It is held at the Estes Park Fairgrounds Event Center in Estes. Directions can be found at <http://railsintherockies.org/directions/>. The cost is \$7 per adult, kids under 12 free, maximum charge per family is \$20. Hours are from 9 to 5 Saturday and 9 to 4 on Sunday.

Greg also mentioned that the Union Pacific (UP) Big Boy steam locomotive 4000-class 4-8-8-4 is scheduled to be at the Golden Spike 150-year anniversary this May 10th in Helper, UT, and will be the first road trip for the Big Boy since it has been fully restored. The celebration of the Golden Spike will be at Promontory Summit, UT. See <https://spike150.org/events/#schedule>.

As connecting track has been long torn out, the Big Boy will be closer to Ogden with the exact location to be announced through the UP Steam Club. Actual



steam testing of the boiler in coming next week along with a fire-up of the boiler. Then the final assembly will take place. The Big Boy is the largest steam locomotive put into regular service in the world. They were built between 1941 and 1944 with a total of 25 built for freight service between Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Ogden, UT. You can see some of the photos of the restoration we have taken on the UP Steam Club website, <https://www.up.com/heritage/steam/> or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8f9VFInyDQ>.

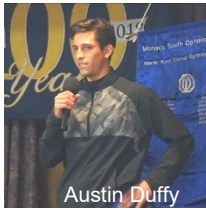
Meeting Place
American Legion Hall Post 1
5400 East Yale Avenue (Yale & I-25), Denver, Colorado
Every Friday Morning, 7:00 – 8:00 am
*****INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN*****

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Announcements Continued

King Soopers Gift Card: Frank "Cupid" Middleton suggested that a King Soopers gift card would be a great Valentine's Day present for your sweetheart.

Proud Dad: Ken Duffy introduced his adopted son, Austin, who is an outstanding athlete. After graduating from Arapahoe High School, Austin attended college in California, but has returned to play golf for Regis University on a scholarship. Good luck to Austin!



Brain Bowl Synopsis: Karl Geil reported Three Down, One to Go! The South Region Optimist Brain Bowl Tournament was held on February 2nd at Challenger Middle School in Colorado Springs. Thirty-three teams from 10 schools, approximately 165 students, competed. Our host school swept first place at all three grade levels: Challenger 6B, 7A, and 8A. Full results can be found by [Clicking Here](#).

Thirteen Optimist Clubs and one JOI Club provided 67 volunteers. The 6 (about 9%) Monaco South members who worked at South were **Kent Gloor**, **Bill Morgan** and his son, **Nick**, **Michael Chavez**, **Phil Perington** and **Karl Geil**. The last tournament of the year, the Optimist Brain Bowl Championship, comes up on February 23rd at one of our Super Citizen schools, Hamilton Middle School.

Sharon Young: **Craig Eley** shared that **Sharon Young** died suddenly last week. Sharon was serving this year as President of Tamarac Optimist Club. There will be a memorial service on February 28.

Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair: **Craig Eley** also so took the opportunity to announce that the annual "Are You Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair" will be held at our meeting on March 15th. On this date, five members will team up in an attempt to humiliate **Karl Geil** in a Brain Bowl type competition. Karl always looks pretty smart at various Brain Bowls but, of course, he has all the answers. Moderator **Craig Eley** solicited volunteers at today's meeting and came up with **Tom Hoch**, **Jim VanderKamp**, **Kent Gloor**, **Bob Avery**, and **Dick Nickoloff**. Over the years, the MSOC team has won about half the time. This year the bookies have the club team at 4-6 odds to beat Karl.

Avery's Ski Cooper Day: **Bob Avery** shared by email that the trip to Copper Mountain turned out to be a great day. **Tom Kramas** sent some pictures and said the breakfast was super, the conditions were amazing, and the hot tub helped soothed the tired muscles. The other guys skiing that day with Bob and Tom were **Casey Funk** and **Mike McMahon**.

GUMS Editor Rotation: GUMS Chief Editor announced that the following are the esteem editors of our award winning newsletter. As **Phil Perington** likes to say, "they function as the **Jimmy Olsen** for the club."



Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

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

Thanks to VP's **Bob Meyer** and **Steve Kady** for running the meeting. I had a 12th hour situation and was conspicuously not in attendance.

However, I and 10 other members (**Jon Wachter**, Lt Gov. **John Oss**, **Michael Chavez**, **Frank Middleton**, **Tom Overton**, **Kent Gloor**, **Ron Gustas**, **Ron Cisco**, **Perry Allen** (a first-timer) attended the CO / WY District Quarterly Conference on Saturday in Westminster. By my calculations we had 10% of the attendance of 106. Governor **Linda's** Program: "UNDIENEath the Surface" Providing Underwear to the homeless with Speaker: **Dolores "Dee" Clark** who went thru a homeless scenario with her family when the landlord sold the house and gave them a 30 day notice. There was a fund raiser "Basket of Love" (for Valentine's day) drawing for which MSOC donated a Craft Beer Basket with **Ghirardelli Chocolates** which **Donna Priester** (Academy Club) won. Various other activities took place for which including but not limited to **Phil Perington** announcing the NOW committee (membership growth) progress and the monthly meeting to be held this coming Wednesday. There were also a few accolades given to MSOC which I will announce next week.

The event was followed by Dutch Treat Dinner at BJ'S Brewhouse in Westminster and I had a nice chat with **Bill Ashbee** (Boulder Luncheon Club Prez.)

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... **Phil Perington's** CO / WY District Strategic Membership Growth Committee meeting this coming Wednesday, February 13, at the Legion Hall at 11:00 a.m. I plan to be there. Who else can join me to pick up additional ideas to grow MSOC to 200 members strong?

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

PS; Bring a GUEST next week We've all met and invited new people during Christmas tree sales! Goal; 6 Guest per meeting for February. Need more guests / new members!

Prez Everett

Currently they are: **George Buzick**, Feb.; **Robert Wardlaw**, Mar.; **Pat Bush**, Apr; **Paul Stratton**, May; and **Phil Perington**, Jun. If you would like to join this rotation let **Bob Finkelmeier** know. Or if you would like to be the Chief Editor that too can be arranged.

Happy Birthday Cy Regan: **Michael Chavez** via an email shared that he along with **Russ Paul**, left rear; **Joe Marci**, left front; **John Young**, right rear; **Cy Regan**, right center; and **Mike**, right front, celebrate with **Cy's 91st Birthday** by going to the new GQUE BBQ in Lone Tree. As some will recall BBQ champion **Jason Ganahl** and owner of these restaurants spoke to the Club a few years back.



National History Day in Colorado

Kayla Gabehart, Associate Director

Kayla Gabehart was our speaker to day was introduced by **Karl Geil**. Kayla is Associate Director for National History Day in Colorado. According to their website: "National History Day in Colorado is a social studies and literacy program that equips students in elementary, middle, and high school with the skills necessary to succeed in college and the real world. Students participate in a project-based learning curriculum that emphasizes critical reading and thinking, research, analysis, and the drawing of meaningful conclusions. Students can complete these projects in groups or as individuals in one of five categories: documentary, paper, exhibit, performance, or website. They then compete in one of our fifteen regions across the state in either the junior (middle school) or senior (high school) division, or in the elementary poster contest (4th and 5th graders). Regional winners compete at the State Contests in May on the University of Colorado Denver campus. First and second place state winners compete in Nationals at the University of Maryland, College Park in June.



Kayla Gabehart
Photo Noel Hasselgren

National History Day in Colorado reaches nearly 23,000 students across the state each year. We also provide teacher trainings, research field trips, supply grants, classroom resources, scholarship opportunities for students, and graduate and continuing professional education courses for teachers."

Kayla was recruiting for judges for the Denver regional contest, which will be held May 4 on the campus of University of Colorado Denver. If interested you can volunteer on line at: <https://clas.ucdenver.edu/nhdc/>.

Announcements Continued

Beware of Email Spoofing: Email spoofing is when the sender of an email, typically spam, forges (spoofs) the email header "From address" so the email being sent appears to have been sent from a legitimate email address that is not the senders own address. Recently some members have been receiving emails appearing to be coming from Jim Easton or Everett Gardner only to learn they are not from them. So, when you respond with not actually checking the associate email address you are responding to a spammer.

While there is no fool-proof way to prevent this type of abuse to your email inbox, but you could adopt some "best practices" when it comes to your email security:

- ◇ Change your password frequently.
- ◇ Always run full virus scans on your computer (at least once a week).
- ◇ Avoid including your email address in online blogs and posts. Try using (at) and (dot) com instead of @ and .com to prevent malicious automations from harvesting your address.
- ◇ Avoid using your primary email account for everything online. If you are signing up for something like a mailing

Kayla also showed a video presented by a middle school student winner from last year's contest, entitled "*Radium Girls*," which was truly fascinating and amazing research for a middle schooler. The Radium Girls were female factory workers who contracted radiation from painting watch dials with self-luminous paint. Painting was done by women at three different sites in the United States, and the term now applies to the women working at the facilities—the first, a United States Radium factory in Orange, New Jersey, beginning around 1917. The women in the facility had been told the paint was harmless, and

subsequently ingested deadly amounts of radium after being instructed to "point" their brushes on their lips in order to give them a fine point; some also painted their fingernails, face and teeth with the glowing substance. The women were instructed to point their brushes because using rags, or a water rinse, caused them to waste too much time and waste too much of the material made from powdered radium, gum arabic and water.

Five of the women in New Jersey challenged their employer in a case over the right of individual workers who contract occupational to sue their employers under New Jersey's occupational injuries law, which at the time had a two-year statute of limitations, but settled out of court in 1928. Five women in Illinois who were employees of the Radium Dial Company (which was unaffiliated with the United States Radium Corporation) sued their employer under Illinois law, winning damages in 1938.

list, contest, application form, or something similar, use a free throwaway email account like Gmail or Hotmail, something you don't mind deleting if it gets abused.

- ◇ Only use your primary email to communicate with people you know or trust.

So what can you do about email spoofing? The short answer is, not much. There are no definitive ways to prevent someone from harvesting your email address from the internet and using it for spam. Just be aware!

Do We Have a Drawing?

We have a drawing! With \$200 on the line and the **Queen of Dimond's** the card to draw. **Paul Gibson** and **Karl Geil** both took a shot at the big money, neither was successful. **Karl Geil**, **Mark Metevia**, and new member **Tracey Sorenson** were all double winners. **Mark Matevia's** name was also drawn for wearing his name badge, but again he could not find the Queen. Better luck next week!



Closing Creed

VP Bob Meyer asked our speaker Kayla Gabehart, to lead us in the *Optimist Creed: Promise yourself....*

Weekly Greeters	
2/15/19	Don Roth & Mark Metevia
2/22/19	George Buzick & Al Gapuzan

February Super Citizen Presenters		
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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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.