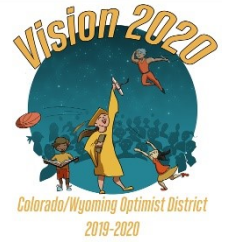




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Good Morning Optimists

On a rather brisk morning on this 10th day of the 2020 New Year, members were greeted by two stalwarts of Monaco South, **Al Gapuzan** and **Jack Kleinheksel**. While waiting for the gavel to fall, we learned that, the children's book (later to be a movie) "*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*" was written by Ian Fleming, also author of the James Bond novels. Thanks for sharing, **Bob Avery**.



Al Gapuzan & Jack Kleinheksel
Photo Noel Hasselgren

First Bell. Invocation & Pledge

President Bob Meyer asks us to greet the living creatures around us and we oblige. He calls on **Karl Geil** to provided the morning invocation and pledge.

On This Date, January 10

President Bob gives us a rundown on some of the things that have happened on this date in years past. For example for Birthdays Anniversaries today is the birthday of Ethan Allen, 1738; George Washington Carver, 1864; Ray Bolger, 1904; Rod Stewart, 1945; George Foreman (the elder), 1949; and Jerrod Kushner, 1981.

In regard to Events for this date in history, **Prez Bob** shares:

- ◇ 1776, "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine was published.
- ◇ 1840, The penny post, whereby mail was delivered at a standard charge rather than paid for by the recipient, began in Britain.
- ◇ 1861, Florida seceded from the United States.
- ◇ 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.
- ◇ 1920, The League of Nations held its first meeting in Geneva.
- ◇ 1928, Mickey Mouse appears in the short film *Steamboat Willie*.
- ◇ 1946, The first meeting of the United Nations General Assembly took place with 51 nations represented.
- ◇ 1949, The first credit card, issued in 1949 and made out of cardboard, was Diners Club.

- ◇ 1951, Donald Howard Rogers piloted the first passenger jet on a trip from Chicago to New York City.
- ◇ 1963, The Chicago Cubs became the first baseball club to hire an athletic director. He was Robert Whitlow.
- ◇ 1984, The United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.
- ◇ 2001, American Airlines agreed to acquire most of Trans World Airlines (TWA) assets for about \$500 million. The deal brought an end to the financially troubled TWA.

Announcements

Service for Bob Hugo: **Bob Avery** announced that a memorial service for **Bob Hugo**, Past President of Monaco South (1984-85) and Past Governor of the Colorado-Wyoming District (1989-90) will be held on Saturday, January 18th at 11:00 a.m. Service will be held at St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church, 1400 S University Blvd. Please let Bob or **Joe Marci** know if you will be attending, so the family can get a "head count."



Brain Bowl: **Karl Geil** reported that the Central Regional Brain Bowl tournament will be held on Saturday, January 11th at Heritage High School. Sixty-nine teams are expected, which will require around 130 volunteers. Monaco South and Tamarac usually make up a great number of the volunteers for this program. The Northern Region Contest will be held at Standley Lake High School, 9300 W 104th Ave, Westminster CO 80021), on Saturday, January 25th.

If you plan to be a "Reader," you must have attended "Reader Training." Check the Brain Bowl website at: www.optimistbrainbowl.org for times and dates of future training sessions.

Denver Golf Expo: **Joe Marci** is looking for volunteers to staff a booth at the upcoming Golf Expo on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 7-9. Joe mentioned that the District has allocation for 70 junior golfers to attend "The Optimist International" junior golf tournament this year, which means additional funds

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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

Need to be raised to defray expenses for the young golfers who will represent the district in Florida. Check with Joe by phone, 303-847-7844 or email, jmarci899@gmail.com if you are available to work the Expo. More information about the Denver Golf Expo at <https://denvergolfexpo.com/>.



The Villager Community Newspaper: Acting on behalf of **Mark Metavia, Jon Wachter** passed out copies of the last edition of the paper. Mark wanted to remind us of our recent speaker **Bob Sweeney**, who spoke at our December 27th meeting. Bob is the long-time publisher/editor of "The Villager," a paper covering events in the Southeast Metro area. Bob's article gave the club some valuable exposure and promises to publish information about future club activities. To see his article [CLICK HERE](#) or find the link on the **GUMS** distribution email.



Bob Sweeney
Photo Noel Hasselgren

CO-WY Second Quarter Conference: President Bob announced that the Second Quarter Conference for the CO-WY District will be held at Magiano's Little Italy, 7401 S. Clinton Street, Englewood (I-25 and Dry Creek Road) on Saturday, February 8th. This is a great opportunity to find out what other clubs in the District are doing and participate in some hands-on civic projects, plus Optimistic Opportunities and *FUN* per District Governor **Tony Carpenter**. For more information and to sign up visit the CO-WY District website at www.optimistcowy.org. Or, see the weblinks on the **GUMS** distribution email. Remember, The club will reimburse you for the meal.

New Super Citizen School, Ellis Elementary: Our most recent Super Citizen (SC) school starts our program with a presentation on Wednesday, January, 29 at 3:15 p.m. **Don Thomson** will be serving as the inaugural school rep. Should like to assist him and learn more about our SC program, contact Don.



Ellis Elementary School is located in Denver's Virginia Village neighborhood, at 1651 S Dahlia St. The school provides Early Childhood Education (ECE) for ages 3 and 4-year-old and Kindergarten through 5th Grade in full-day programs. Ms. Jamie Roybal, is the newly appointed principal for this academic year and Ms. Kimberly Ulery is a newly appointed Assistant Principal. Teachers at Ellis are highly trained, and Ellis has a low student-to-teacher ratio focusing on whole child education. Ellis offers a Transitions to Transitional Native Language Instruction (TNLI) program for Spanish-speaking students, free Discovery Link after-school programming, and STEM and technology.

By the way, there are four SC programs this month:

- Holm, January 17, Donlie Smith
- MPB, January 21, Gary Miller
- Ellis, January 29, Don Thomson
- Bradley, January 31, Jon Wachter

Excellence in Education Program: On Friday, February 7th the Club will be recognizing educators with the Excellent in Education awards. This year **Tom Mario** who oversees this program made the GUMS editor aware that both **Steve Wera**, Principal Bradley International School and **Kurt Siebold**, Principal Slavens, both OCMS members will be recognized as Blue Ribbon Award Recipients. Additionally, one other educator, yet to be announced, will be honored.

Communication Contest: Joe Priester, District for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Communication Contest, let our president know that he looking for deaf and hard of hearing contestants for this Scholarship opportunity. Joe states, "Keep in mind that the rules state that all contestants **MUST** be sponsored by an Optimist Club so be ready for them when you are asked to sponsor one. The Guidelines explain the main differences between this contest and the Oratorical Contest, please review them." If you know of a student who may be interested, please have them contact **Prez Bob**.



Food for Thought

It is 2020, I am almost 70 something years old and worn out, and I still have so many unanswered questions! For example ...

I haven't found out who let the dogs out ... where's the beef ... how to get to Sesame Street ... why Dora doesn't just use Google Maps. What does Siri use?

Why do all flavors of Fruit Loops taste exactly the same, or how many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop?

Why eggs are packaged in a flimsy carton, but batteries are secured in plastic that's tough as nails ... what does the fox say ... why "abbreviated" is such a long word, or why is there a D in 'fridge' but not in refrigerator.

Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor yet dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons ... why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections ... and, why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only a "penny for your thoughts" where's that extra penny going?

Why does the Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star have the same tune ... why did you just try to sing those two previous songs ... and just what exactly is Victoria's secret? and more importantly where is Waldo?

Can you hear me now? ... and do you really think I am this witty? ... I actually got this from a friend, who stole it from her brother's girlfriend's uncle's cousin who lived next door to an old class mate's mailman ... Now it is your turn to take it from me.

This is what happens when Prez Bob calls out, "meet and greet your fellow Optimist!"



Ron Benson
CO-WY District Club Foundation Representative

Our speaker for the day was introduced by our Club Foundation Representative, **Perry Allen**. **Ron Benson**, already known by many of us as a Past Governor of the District, is currently serving his second year as the District Foundation Representative, whose responsibility it is to solicit funds on behalf of the OI Foundation. Ron shared the following information with us.



Ron Benson
Photo Noel Hasselgren

The OI Foundation provides much of the funding for the various scholarship contests conducted by clubs throughout the Optimist International organization. These include such things like the essay and oratorical contest, the contest for the deaf and hard of hearing, and others. The Foundation also covers many of the administrative expenses of the overall Optimist International organization, most specifically the Childhood Cancer Campaign.

Since the Foundation is classified by the IRS as a "501(C)(3) entity, contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible. Most individual clubs do not have this status, so the Foundation offers a "pass through" service which allows members to contribute to the OI Foundation and have the money returned to the club.

Ron shared that last year the Colorado-Wyoming District was 3rd in total dollars collected in all of Optimist International, even though there are many districts which have far more members than ours. The district collected over \$33,000 during the past administrative year.

Here is some information about the "Dime-A-Day" program, which is one of the more popular ways to give to the Foundation. The Dime-A-Day program building a future where every kid counts. Can you spare a dime a day? Individuals who donate \$36.50 or a dime a day are honored with a lapel pin.



Save approximately a week's worth of dimes by:

- ⇒ bypassing the vending machine for an afternoon snack
- ⇒ skipping the fries
- ⇒ waiting to get coffee at the office

Save approximately a month's worth of dimes by:

- ⇒ ordering plain coffee instead of a "grande cappuccino"
- ⇒ sending a greeting card from a box rather than an individually purchased card
- ⇒ brown-bagging lunch instead of ordering out for a day

Save approximately a year's worth of dimes by:

- ⇒ giving up one golf game
- ⇒ catching a few movies on video instead of at the theater
- ⇒ clipping grocery coupons for a month

Most of us could easily contribute a Dime-A-Day every year of our membership as Optimists. Optimists who donate \$36.50 are eligible to cast their vote for the incoming Director for the OIF Board.

Editors note: **Ron Benson** is currently one of four candidates nominated to be an OI Foundation Director. If you are a Dime-A-Day member for the 2019-2020 administrative year, you can vote for Ron by going to the OI Foundation website: www.oifoundation.org. Election will be held February 1 through February 29, 2020.

Perry Allen gave his commitment to maintain his high standards of collecting funds for the Foundation, especially with regard to the Dime-A-Day program. Congratulations to Perry on his past success. We encourage you to continue your bulldog like tenacity in the future.

*Thanks to **Ron Benson** for sharing information with the club!*

Drawing

Eight of Hearts was the card to draw, if you want to win \$160! **Jim Easton** and **Donley Smith** both took a shot at the big money, but neither was successful.



Bob (the Prez) Meyer won two cups, it must be the luck of the chair. While **Kent Gloor**, **Craig Eley**, **Al Gapuzan**, and past prez **Everett Gardner** all won the "small potatoes," well money!



Although **Pat Bush** was wearing his name tag, he too had no luck in drawing the Eight of Hearts and was left with nothing. Next week \$170!



Weekly Greeters	
1/17/20	Pat Bush & Joe Marci
1/24/20	Curt Boell & Dick Nickoloff

Are you still using Windows 7 on your computer?

Here's what will happen to your Windows 7 PC on January 15, 2020

See <https://www.zdnet.com/article/heres-what-will-happen-to-your-windows-7-pc-on-january-15-2020/?ftag=TRE-03-10aaa6b&bhid=26831530186100714273454085049415>

Microsoft is ready to push a full-screen warning to Windows 7 users who are still running the OS after January 14.



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

Jan 16	Thur	6:00 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Jan 17	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jan 17	Fri	8:10 am	Super Citizen, Holm Elementary
Jan 21	Tue	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood Elementary
Jan 24	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 25	Sat	7:00 am	Brail Bowl North, Standley Lake High School, 9300 W. 104th Ave., Westminster
Jan 31	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Kayla Gabehart, Colorado History Day
Jan 31	Fri	3:00 pm	Super Citizen, Bradley International
Feb 7	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Tom Mauro, Excellence in Education Recognition
Feb 7	Fri	1:00 pm	Super Citizen, McMeen Elementary
Feb 7	Fri	1:00 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary

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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	Everett Gardner	2018-19
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.