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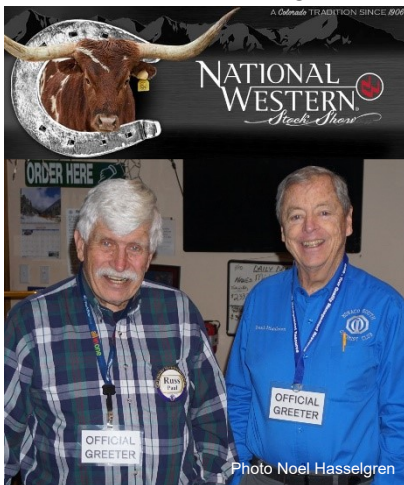
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Editor for this Issue—Phil Perington

Good Morning Optimists

On this crisp and frigid January morning, with the



National Western Stock Show underway, our greeters, who are quite the cowboys, are **Russ Paul and Frank Middleton.**

Morning Conversations

There was a smaller crowd than usual this snowy morning. **Robert Ruhl** appeared all bundled up and dressed for the tree lot.

Donlie Smith was skillfully coordinating the exchange of boxes containing Eagle Scout reports for reviewing by committee members, **Tom Overton, Kent Gloor, Jack Kleinheksel, Bob Avery, Greg Hurd, Frank Middleton,** and your GUMS editor **Phil Perington.**

“Three musketeers breakfast buddies,” **John Stoffel, Joe Marci,** and photographer **Noel Hasselgren** were happily chowing down and exchanging important and colorful stories.

On the other side of the room, **Ron Cisco**, powerfully dressed in a GQ Black on Black matching attire looked marvelous. **Mike Chavez** was busily passing around a “get well and welcome back” card for our buddy **John Young.**

President **Everett Gardner** all decked out in his LL Bean hunters cap, shirt, and boots was looking for that Wascally Wabbit, sans 18 gauge shotgun, after returning from his Christmas Holiday trip to Freeport, Maine.



HOBY Commander-in-Chief **Paul Bernard** and able assistant **Greg Young** were anxiously hooking up the PowerPoint presentation for our morning program. **Allen Malask** looking “hale and hearty,” returning from recent shoulder surgery was proudly announcing he was motoring again as an UBER valet and tour guide.

Breakfast Pay Station Manager **Gary Miller** was reaffirming to the gathered that he still donates his 10% handling fee back to the Club, to help meet the 25 meal minimum we have with the Legion Hall. Come on fellas ... “grab a plate and enjoy the best breakfast deal in SE Denver!”

First Bell, Invocation & Pledge

There was a bit of a late start this morning due to abundant camaraderie. The gavel came down at 7:12 a.m. and **Prez Everett** called for the Invocation led by **Ed Leuty.** “Oh God of love and peace bless us with the compassionate calm created by not worrying about what we cannot change, but what we can do to help make this a better and more warm-hearted world.”

The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the ever growing shout of “Play Ball!”

Guests

John Young, back from a brief hospital visit, introduced **John Egan**, announcing he would be a good member and optimistically reporting his friend wants to prove him right. The welcome mat has been officially rolled out.

Announcements

The Brain Bowl is Here! **Karl Geil** proclaimed that the Brain Bowl is here—tomorrow morning. He said there has been some confusion as to the location—it is at Heritage High School in Littleton, 1401 West Geddes Ave. Everyone who signed up please show up in Littleton; not Stanley Lake High School. That is the site for the second Brain Bowl; emphasizing, we cannot afford to come up short on volunteers. All scheduled events can be found on the 2019 Optimist Brain Bowl Website, [CLICK HERE.](#)



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

Holiday Party Follow-Up: Frank Middleton, who organized this years holiday event, gave a grateful Thank You for the \$240 donated by members for the Holiday Party shortfall of \$500. He also advised us that he has King Soopers and Safeway reloadable card and that they can be reloaded either at the customer service counter or check out line. Credit cards and checks are accepted as well as cash.

Dime-A-Day Program: Perry Allen the Dime-A-Day coordinator said the 2019 program is in full swing. With just one dime a day, you can become part of the movement of "Helping Optimists Help Kids." Please consider joining up for a mere \$36.50. The contribution goes to the OI Foundation General fund. Last year \$5,000 was submitted to the CO-WY District for our Programs including Oratorical and Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He also announced a matching fund challenge whereby anyone donating \$1.00 of \$365.00, a like amount would be added by his own personal contribution. Editor: "Thank you Perry that is quite a generous thing to do for our kids."

2019 Denver Golf Expo: Joe Marci explains that The Denver Golf Expo is just around the corner at the Denver Mart at 401 East 58th Avenue, starting Friday, February 8th - 10th. The booth usually generates \$500 in donations to assist in sending the estimated 365-400 kids to our CO-WY Golf tournaments. More details to follow. The shows webpage is [HERE](#).

Kevin Koalenz Follow-Up: Jack Kleinheksel provided a follow up report on Kevin Koalenz and said he is much better. He did not suffer the mini strokes reported earlier, his events were less severe than thought. Good news all around!

Thank You from Boys & Girls Clubs: Michael Chavez shared a thoughtful Thank You card from everyone at the Boys and Girls Club for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner festivities and camaraderie.

Moment of Deep Reflection: Bob Avery told us that in a moment of deep reflection he learned that 98 percent of people who worry about things it never happens actually works.

Bob must have read the LIFE article, "85 Percent of What We Worry About Never Happens," by Don Joseph Goewey, which states, "Five hundred years ago, Michel de Montaigne said: 'My life has been filled with terrible misfortune; most of which never happened.' Now there's a study that proves it. This study looked into how many of our imagined calamities never materialize." See the article [HERE](#). A lifetime Mad Magazine subscription is on tap for this great insight. Editor: Thanks, for sharing Bob!



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Presidential Rants & Raves vs. Tweets

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

PAST ... "The BRAIN BOWL IS COMING ... THE BRAIN BOWL COMING" (borrowed from Karl) ... 1 tournament down and 3 to go!

Saturday was the first of four. Thanks to all who participated as it takes a great deal of help to orchestrate the event especially with various clubs from Colorado & Wyoming District participating. What fun it was driving in the snow then leaving as it was becoming slush. **Bob Avery** and I had the pleasure of scoring and timing the morning sessions with **Perry Allan**, and after lunch (Chili or Chicken-veggie Soup) **Kent Gloor** and I participated in a like manner for Perry's run-off session. Always great fun mentally trying to come up with the correct answer before the teams.

Thank you **Paul Bernard** for your HOBY presentation which unlighted all of us on the workings of the program and MSOCs participation. I plan on participating in the next event.

HAPPENING NOW / SOON ... Board meeting this next Thursday, January 17 @ Kendra Blacks office. Please let me know if there is anything that needs to be brought before the Board by noon Tuesday, January 15 for the agenda.

FUTURE ... Northern Brain Bowl, January 26.

CO-WY Quarterly District Conference is Saturday, February 9. **Perry Allen** and I were chatting about Dime-A-Day and he will be joining me at the conference to find out more about what's happening at that level. I throw out the invite to all MSOC members to join us at the conference to get a feel for what is happening at the next level of the organization and to make a large showing for our club.

PS: Bring a GUEST Next Week ... We've all met and invited new people during Christmas tree sales!

Goal - 5 Guest per meeting for January.

Prez Everett

Do We Have a Drawing?

Yes, we do — How much is in the big pot? It is a big \$160 and the card to find is the 9 of Hearts.

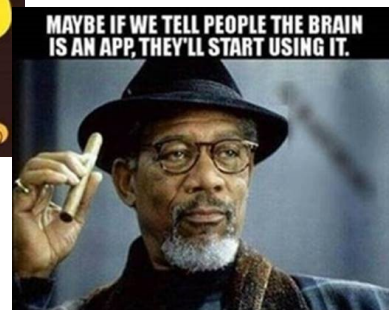


Going for the Pot are **Jim Easton**, nope and **Jack Kleinheksel**, not his day either. Sorry Fellas!

Taking cups are **Russ Paul**, **Bob Avery**, **Karl Geil**, **Paul Stratton**, **John Stoffel**, and **Phil Perington**.

For wearing your Name Tag it was **Tom Overton**, but he too did not find a lucky winner.

Some Deep Thought



HOBY: Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Paul Bernard

President **Everett Gardner** speaks briefly about the HOBY Program and how OCMS participates in it every June before introducing our member and speaker, **Paul Bernard**. Paul is the CO-WY District HOBY Liaison and OCMS Chairman.



Paul Bernard
Photo Noel Hasselgren

As Paul starts his program he says he is pleased and proud to announce that every June one of the best HOBY Conferences in the nation takes place in Colorado at the University of Denver campus. For 3½ days over 200 student 15-16 year old, from every corner of Colorado assemble in 15-member teams to share ideas, attend leadership seminars, create team cheers and original slogans, meet new friends, and establish beginnings of lifelong relationships. This years event is scheduled from June 20th through June 23rd.

Paul showed a film clip that captured the flavor and excitement of the event. Students are taught about the duty and responsibility of leadership as to the new & unknown world opening up to them. The transition from student to adult is a critical element of their learning experience. The transformation from quiet curiosity to leadership and genuine goodwill one to another is remarkable. Each student is sponsored by their school or a support organization like the Optimists. The cost of attending the Conference is \$195 per student. Monaco South provides service and conversation on their last day, by engaging in a lively late afternoon picnic celebration with all the student teams. We are there to explain why Optimism should be the preferred philosophy to live by, and also to affirm they are all on a very exciting path. During the picnic teams gather in sit-down circles. An Optimist member joins in the conversation positively announcing, we are the adults concerned with their success and future. Q & A can be spirited and engaging. It is truly a life changing event for these young adults. They discover the magic of feeding off one another, sharing new ideas and the unlimited potential ahead of them. As an added reward, the quality and equity of their graduation certificate is an asset to college admission.

What is HOBY?

"Founded in 1958, HOBY's mission is to inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service, and innovation."

HOBY programs are conducted annually throughout the United States, serving local and international high school

students.

HOBY provides students, for whom most are selected by their schools, to participate in a unique leadership training, service-learning, and motivation-building experiences beginning a lifelong dedication to improving the lives of others. Due to the selfless efforts of volunteers and the contributions of generous donors, more than 10,000 students participate in HOBY programs annually.

Today, over 450,000 proud alumni make HOBY stronger than ever. HOBY alumni are leaders in their schools and communities, throughout the United States and the world, making a difference for others through service. Want to see the impact of HOBY

firsthand? Get involved as a student, school, parent, alumna/us, volunteer or supporter.

HOBY History

In the summer of 1958, actor Hugh O'Brian received the invitation that would change his life.

O'Brian, then 33, was in Winnipeg, Manitoba, parlaying his fame as television's legendary Wyatt Earp into extra income by guest-starring in a rodeo. Then the cable arrived from French Equatorial Africa:



renowned humanitarian and 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Albert Schweitzer would welcome him at any time.

O'Brian had long admired the German doctor-missionary-theologian-musician. "I'd read so much about him," he recalls. "He was a great humanitarian who could have done anything he wanted in the world, and there he was in the middle of Africa taking care of people." Within two weeks O'Brian was on his way, by commercial airliner, bush plane and canoe, to the famed hospital that Schweitzer had founded on the banks of the Ogooue River in Lambarene. The actor spent nine days at the clinic where Schweitzer and volunteer doctors and nurses, working without electricity, or running water, cared for patients, including many with leprosy.

The doctor was impressed that the young American had taken the trouble to visit him. He shared stories and life lessons with O'Brian each evening. Schweitzer, then 83, was concerned about global peace prospects and was convinced that the United States should take a leadership role in achieving peace. He impressed upon the young O'Brian the urgency for change and how education must teach young people to think for themselves. It was an unforgettable nine days. And, as O'Brian departed, Schweitzer took his hand and asked, "Hugh, what are you going to do with this?" Two weeks after returning from his 1958 meeting with Schweitzer, O'Brian put together a prototype seminar for young leaders — HOBY. And the rest is living history.

From the HOBY website @ <http://www.hoby.org/about/what-is-hoby>

Weekly Greeters	
1/18/19	Don Thomson & Mike White
1/25/19	Pat Bush, Noel Hasselgren & Randy Marcove

January Super Citizen Presenters		
Jan 18 @ 8:15	Holm	?
Jan 22 @ 2:30	MPB	Joe Marci
Jan 25 @ 3:00	Bradley	Frank Middleton

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

Jan 17	Thur	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Councilwomen Black's Office, 3540 S. Poplar St, Ste. 100 lower level
Jan 18	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
Jan 25	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Teacher / Education Recognition
Jan 26	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl North, Standley Lake High School, 9300 W. 104th Ave., Westminster, CO
Feb 1	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Audry Reyes, Manager Volunteer Mentor Program, Denver Kids, Inc.
Feb 2	Sat	7:00 am	Brain Bowl South, Challenger Middle School, 10215 Lexington Dr., Colorado Springs, CO
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: Camaraderie Day
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: TBA

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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.