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Good Morning Optimist

Joe Marci and Jim VanderKamp were handing out handshakes and smiles today as the official greeters. Some how the meeting had mysteriously turned into a Camaraderie Day from what was previous reported, with **Frank Middleton** handing out playing cards to designate where members should sit.



Jim VanderKamp & Joe Marci
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Invocation & Pledge

Everett Gardner read the invocation about working for the best and then lead us in the pledge to the flag.



From the Prez

Prez Jim Easton mentioned that he paid a visit to the Tamarac Square Optimist Club last Thursday. He said he enjoyed being outnumbered by the ladies. He presented a donation to them for their work on the Christmas Tree Lot. Jim also mentioned that they have started to review the project entries for the Eagle Scout Awards Dinner.

Guest

Jon Wachter once again introduced Henry Schone-wise as our guest for the second week in a row. Henry is the Past President of the Denver Teachers' and Helen Phelps Awards. Welcome back, Henry. You know, this could be habit forming.

Leo Hagele's Birthday



Leo Hagele

Last week **Prez Jim** mentioned that January 5th was **Leo Hagele's** 97th birthday. Well your chief editor visited Leo on that day at his home on the Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus, and as the picture depicts he still looks pretty spry. Leo

has a good overseer, in the Director of Marketing for the Campus, Diane Martini. Diane reported, "Leo is doing good and I am so glad he lives with us now so we can keep an eye on him." It was not clarified what that meant, but in the picture you can see the twinkle in Leo's eyes. Leo said he is thankful for all the Monaco South optimist members who come to see him, for the visits he can make to Monaco South meetings, the American Legion Posts Wednesday's hamburger night, and getting to services at Risen Christ periodically.

Announcements

CO-WY Brain Bowl: Karl Giel reported, that the



North Region Optimist Brain Bowl was held last Saturday at Stanley Lake High School in Westminster. Ninety-four teams (we had one no-show) and approximately 470 students competed. The results can be found by clicking the link <http://www.optimistbrainbowl.org/northresults.html>.

There was a total of 155 volunteers. The largest contingent—24, came from Monaco South. They were **Noel Hasselgren, Tom Glazier, Bill Morgan, Everett Gardner, Randy Marcove, Wyatt McCallie, John Oss, Paul Simon** and his guest, **Mark Burns, Pat Bush, Tom Kramis, John Greene, Paul Stratton, George Buzick, Kent Gloor, Bob Avery, Craig Eley, Joe Marci, Allen Pierce, David Telpner, Barry Barker, Peter Dimond, Bob Meyer, and Karl Geil**. In addition, **Phil Perington** was there handing out information about Optimist Clubs, and **Ron Gustas** was working concessions with the Type 1 Diabetes Optimist Club.

Next up is the Central Region tournament at Heritage High School in Littleton on January 20th. There is still time to volunteer. Show up by 7 a.m. and stay for lunch, which we provide. We do need volunteers to stay for the afternoon, until around 3:00 or 3:30. Also, there is still a Reader Training session Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Heritage HS in Littleton.

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

Florence Crittenton Services Follow Up: Tom

Mauro announced that he will be collecting lightly used maternity clothing and necessities over the next few weeks. He asks that you bring what you have to next week's membership meeting. They could also use personal item that teen mothers might use.

CO-WY Junior Golf: **Joe Marci** announced he is selling tickets to the Rockies baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers as a fundraiser for the Junior Golf program. The game is on Sunday, June 3rd at Coors Field. Tickets go for \$23.00 and are in the lower grandstand. If you would like tickets, see Joe. He says you can take your parents, wife, children, grandchildren, grandparents, cousins, neighbors, friends, and your neighbor's friends. The more the merrier!

Denver Golf Expo: Joe also reminded us that the



Optimist Junior Golf program always has an exhibit at the Golf Expo, February 19-21. So, Joe will be needing help staffing the exhibit for three days. See Joe if you can help.

Dime-A-Day Program: Do not forget the Dime-A-



Day program. We have started slowly but we time to get back on track in the New Year. Just \$36.50 gets you membership in this prestigious club. Make checks out to the Optimist International Foundation. Give them to **Perry Allen** or **Greg Young**.

Monaco South Shirts: **Greg Young** announced



that he will be making another order for those stylish Monaco South Optimist shirts that you see everywhere. They come in a variety of colors. Surveys show that no one member has all of the available colors so nobody has the excuse to not order at least one. See Greg Young for more information.

Smarter Than The Brain Bowl Chair: **Craig Eley**

reports it is easy to look smart at Brain Bowl when you have all the answers. But how smart is Brain Bowl chairman **Karl Geil**, really? He gets tested once a year at Monaco South's "Are You Smarter than the Brain Bowl Chair?" competition. Of course, everyone is smarter than a chair but in this annual event, you will have to outsmart Karl. It will be on Friday, February 23rd. Craig needs five MSOCers to go up against the Brain Bowl Chairmen Karl Geil, 5 on 1, in a Brain Bowl contest. Karl won last year, so the Club's honor is at stake. We need 5 team members to crush him this year. If you want to give it a go, contact Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

Senior Moments: **Craig Eley** also shared that John **Scarborough** will be presenting at the next Senior Moments on Thursday, January 25th at 10:15 at the residents of the Eastern Star Retirement Campus as he talks about tips and tricks for smart phones. Monaco South members try to bring some community involvement to folks who are sometimes pretty isolated. Hear John's presentation, chat with residents, and

maybe have lunch with fellow MSOCers right after the event. To sign up, contact Craig.

Optimist, In the Beginning

"Where and when did the Optimist Clubs start?" is a question that comes to mind when we think about this organization. The first club started in 1911 in Buffalo, New York when a group of citizens banded together to address some of the problems brought to society by industrialization and urbanization. They took on the name of Optimist Club to express their outlook in the face of these issues.



The idea spread to other communities over the next five years until 1916 when a club was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana. These members envisioned a nationwide organization, so they started and organized efforts to build clubs in other major cities. In the summer of 1919, representatives from eleven clubs met in Louisville, Kentucky and formed an association. They adopted the name of International Optimist Club and elected William Henry Harrison, a descendent of the ninth president of the United States as the first International President of Optimist International.

In 1922, the organization adopted the Optimist Creed written by Christian Larson. It was first published in 1912 and members of an optimist club in Los Angeles, California thought it expressed the spirit of the optimist movement and began pushing for its adoption. The organization adopted the first motto "Friend of the Delinquent Boy" in 1923. It was later changed to "Friend of the Boy."

The idea of youth club started in 1924 and Junior Optimist Clubs began to be sponsored by clubs throughout the organization. The Oratorical Contest started as an activity in the junior clubs in 1928. In the 1940's, World War II had broken out and it was quickly realized that metal was in short supply. The government called upon its citizens to collect scrap metal for the war effort. Some 250 Optimist Clubs organized scrap metal drives in their communities. With an average of 12.5 tons of scrape metal per club, the Optimist collected nearly 20% of the metal needed for the war effort. Many regard this as the single greatest achievement of the organization. Optimist International was awarded a citation by the War Production Board for its part in the war effort.

During the war years, membership increase from 13,000 to 16,000 members. In 1955, the 1,000th Optimist Club was chartered. The Youth Appreciation Week was started in 1957. In 1963, the Optimist Youth Clubs program was expanded to include Octagon Clubs for high school students. In 1968, the Golden Anniversary convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky, the site of the first Optimist International convention. Membership topped 100,000 members in 1969. The Optimist International Foundation was created in 1971. The same year, the Tri-Star Basketball Program started with over 300 clubs participating with more the 75,000 youth contestants.

Optimist, In the Beginning Continued

In 1972, the motto was changed to "Friend of Youth" and the 3,000th Optimist Club was chartered. But perhaps the most significant event of the 70's was that the Optimist Club of Monaco South was chartered in 1976.



The Optimist Junior Golf Program was launched in 1978. The 1980's brought expansion of Optimist Clubs into the Caribbean region, the start of the Essay Contest, the "Just Say No" program, admittance of women into Optimist membership and the Junior Optimist Octagon International organization. We should add the Optimist Club of Monaco South established the "Super Citizen" program during the 1980's.



The 1990's saw great expansion of Optimist Club in the Caribbean and the Optimist International 75th Anniversary Convention again in Louisville, Kentucky. In 1997 the Optimist Junior Golf Championships was televised by ESPN, making Optimist International the first service club to ever have a worldwide event televised.

In 1998, Optimist International's float won the "National Trophy" in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The new millennium brought the beginning of the Children's Cancer Campaign, the first "Friend of Optimists" members, Ronnie Dunn became the first female Optimist International President and the first Optimist Oratorical World Championship was held at St. Louis University. As Optimist International approaches its 100th Anniversary, our hopes and dreams continue to new heights. The 100th Optimist International Convention is July 7 - 10th in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.



Weekly Drawing

Winners of today's drawing included **Allen Malask, Oscar Sorensen, Dick Nickloff, Bob Meyer, John Stoffel, and Bob Meyer** again. **Peter Dimond, Paul Gibson, and Ed Collins**, since he had on his name tag, all took shots at the \$160 pot card but no luck there. The pot just keeps growing—next week we will be at \$170—time to buy a drawing ticket.



Ed Collins gets an opportunity to go after the winning card for the \$160 pot as he is wearing his name tag.
Photo Noel Hasselgren

Optimist Humor of the Week From the Denver Post

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter



PLUGGERS by Gary Brookins



A dieting plugger struggles to be an optimist.

January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 16 @ 2:30	MPB	Tom Kramis
Jan 25 @ 1:00	McMeen	Mike White
Jan 26 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter

Weekly Greeters

1/19/18	Santa Claus & Al Gapuzan
1/26/18	Gary Strowbridge & Mark Metevia
2/2/18	Bob Avery & Pat Bush

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

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

Jan 19	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Jan 20	Sat	6:45 am	Central Regional Brain Bowl, Heritage HS, Littleton, CO
Jan 24	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Jan 26	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Bill Morgan, Building Violins
Feb 2	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 3	Sat	6:45 am	South Reginal Brain Bowl, Horizon Middle School, 1750 Piros Drive, Colorado Springs
Feb 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 10	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 2 nd Quarter Conference, Cianiao's Restaurant, 9650 Sheridan Blvd.
Feb 16	Fri	7:00 am	Sweetheart to Breakfast ??
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: Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl chair, Karl Geil?
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

**Past Presidents of the
Optimist Club of Monaco South**

Bob Rhue	1976-77	Peter Dimond	1997-98
Jerry Whitlow	1977-78	Ralph Symalla	1998-99
Bill Kosena	1978-79	Cy Regan	1999-00
Duane Wehrer	1979-80	Stan Cohen	2000-01
Curt Jefferies	1980-81	Don St. John	2001-02
Frank Middleton	1981-82	Jack Rife	2002-03
John Young	1982-83	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
Oscar Sorensen	1987-88	Phil Perington	2008-09
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	2012-13
Kent Gloor	1992-93	Jon Wachter	2013-14
Gary Strowbridge	1993-94	John Oss	2014-15
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Bob Safe	1995-96	Craig Eley	2016-17
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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.