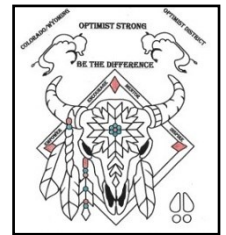




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Editor for this Issue—Pat Bush



Good Morning Optimist

On this morning, the listed greeters for the meeting were **Al Gapuzan** and **Santa Claus**. Your editor saw Al, but I am not sure Santa made it this morning. Maybe someone stood in for Santa and helped Al greet the members, since it seemed like several others were hanging out at the greeters station.

Right, Al Gapuzan
Photo Noel Hasselgren



First Bell

Speaking of absentees, **President Jim Easton** was missing in action and **Allen Pierce** filled in as acting president. Some say he was auditioning for the position for next year.



Allen Pierce

Invocation & Pledge

Allen Pierce called on **Perry Allen** to lead us with the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Guests

Acting President **Allen** asked if we had any guests this morning. None were found but we did welcome brand new member **Ed (Les) Volbe** sponsored by **Harry Arkin**. *Editor: Now it should be mentioned that Allen remembered to ask for guests without being prompted. Looks like presidential qualities to me.*

Table of Allen

Your editor noticed that **Allen Pierce**, **Allen**

Malask, and **Perry Allen** were all sitting at our table this morning. When this was discussed, your editor, seen on the left, did not know if it counted but my middle name is **Patrick Allen Bush**. However, **Tom Glazier** and **Tom Overton** had no connection with the name Allen, so we made it *the table of Tom's and Allen's*.



Announcements

Finding Father: **Perry Allen** announced that he had been using the website 23andme.com, a personal genomics and biotechnology company that is named for the 23 pairs of chromosomes in a normal human cell, to hunt for the father he never knew, and then last month he finally found his father. His father was a cowboy in Montana. Perry is enjoying meeting the lost family he never knew until now. Congratulations Perry!

Super Citizen Presenters Needed: **Robert Wardlaw**, Super Citizen Program Chair, reminds us that in February we will be holding eight Super Citizen Awards Programs. That is one in each of our current Super Citizen Schools and we are always looking for presenters for the various Super Citizen presentations. See **Rob Gardner** who oversees the sign-up to be a presenter. Currently we need presenters for Bradley on Feb. 23rd @ 3:00, Holm on Feb. 16th @ 2:30, and McMeen on Feb 22nd @ 1:00. If you cannot do February Rob is still looking for presenters for the March Super Citizen Assemblies.



McMeen Elementary Super Citizen Program:

Speaking of Super Citizen, **Don Thomson** was looking for a volunteer presenter for this coming Thursday afternoon, Jan. 25th @ 1:00. However, **Al Gapuzan** volunteered but it was later found out that this month's presentation will be mixed in with their first tri-semester awards program. This means that the presentations for Super Citizen will be spread out over the entire school day. As such no formal presentations will be made this month so you are relieved of duty this month Al, but you are certainly welcome next month.

CO-WY Brain Bowl: **Karl Giel** stated that the Central Region Optimist Brain Bowl will be held tomorrow, Saturday, January 20th at Heritage High School in Littleton. Karl, the head cat herder, wants all volunteers

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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

to report by 7:00 a.m. He is even enticing us with donuts and coffee. The Brain Bowl is an academic competition patterned after the old GE College Bowl of the 1960's or Jeopardy with teams for the younger members. It involves 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams of 5 members answering questions in a round robin format in the morning. Then the eight-top point accumulated teams in each grade go into a head to head, single elimination competition in the afternoon to determine the top four teams. The top three teams are presented awards and the top six teams are invited to participate in the Optimist International Championship Tournament on February 24th at Hamilton Middle School.



Colorado History Day: While **Karl Geil** had the microphone he announced that the Colorado

History Day competition format has changed slightly. The Denver Public Schools no longer have their own regional competition. As such, Hamilton Middle School will be in a regional with different schools than last year. They are limited to just 20 entries but since the entire student body participates, Hamilton will have their own school competition to determine the twenty entries they have in the Regional competition. Karl needs volunteers to help judge the school competition and since there will be no training for the judges, he prefers experienced judges. If you have experience judging in the Colorado History Day competition, please notify Karl if you can help him with the Hamilton competition.

Golf Exposition: The Golf Exposition will be held at



the Merchandize Mart (58th & Washington) on February 9th through the 11th. Optimist Junior Golf will have a table at the expo to promote the Junior Golf program. **Joe**

Marci and **Bob Meyer** are

looking for help in manning the exhibit. Helpers will be handing out tournament applications and informational pamphlets to juniors (boys and girls from age 8 to 18). You can also take some time to walk around the expo to see all the golf exhibits free of charge. You will get an Optimist Junior Golf shirt to wear while at the expo. What more can you ask, free admittance to the golf expo, a free golf shirt, and a chance to hangout with fellow Optimists and golf enthusiasts. The only way it will get better is if they have beer.

Tri-Star Basketball: **Michael Chavez** announced that the Monaco South Tri-Star Basketball competition will be held on February 15th at the Cope Boys and Girls Club. He is looking for volunteers to monitor the events for shooting, passing, and dribbling. Let Michael know if you can help with this local event.



Monaco South Optimist 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 the available colors, so nobody has the excuse to not order at least one. See Greg for more information.



Are You Smarter Than the Brain Bowl Chair?: **Craig Eley** said he is still looking for five Optimist members to go up against Brain Bowl Chair **Karl Geil** in a Brain Bowl style competition, which is now scheduled for our March 9th meeting. Craig says that, with counting Karl, he has 1 volunteer so far. He understands the hesitance of members to volunteer after the beating Karl laid on the Optimist team last year, but we still need a few good (and brave) men. We saw a few nervous hands go up, but it may not be enough. Touch base with Craig to see if he still needs men to around out his handpicked team.

Senior Moments: **Craig Eley** also invited others to join **John Scarborough** on this Thursday morning, January 25th, at 10:15 a.m. for an hour with the residents of the Eastern Star Retirement Community as he talks to them about tips and tricks for using a Smart Phone. Monaco South members try to bring some community involvement to folks who are sometimes isolated. Hear John's presentation, chat with residents, and maybe have lunch with fellow MSOCers right after the event. To sign up, contact Craig Eley at craigceley@gmail.com.

Ski Day at Copper Mountain: The snow is falling and piling up. It is that time of year again when **Bob Avery** hosts the Copper Mountain Ski Fest. He plans to go skiing on Monday, February 4th and 5th. He will even serve you breakfast before hitting the slopes at his condo. Then it is off to the hot tub after skiing so do not forget your swim trunks. It is a day packed full of fun and frolic so do not miss this annual event. Bob has even thrown in an overnight lodging offer if you do not want to get up early to drive to Copper on Monday.

Greeters Needed: **Jon Wachter** is looking for a few bright and happy men to be greeters at the membership meetings. He does not need any more Santa's to sign up but a few Ed's, Larry's, Bill's, AL's, or any other names will help. You might even get your smiling face in *GUMS* so that other recognize your early morning efforts.

Today's Drawing



Today's Drawing Winners included your editor **Pat Bush**, who went for the \$170 pot card, but now wishes he had taken the cup of cash. **Karl Geil**, **Pat Bush** again, and he took the cup of cash this time. **Al Gapuzan** decided to try the cards and came up without the correct card. **Ron Gustas**, **Rob Gardner**, **Dick Zolman** and **Phil Perington** won cups of cash. **Jack Kitchell** was the name badge winner but he had the same luck with the cards as Al and Pat had. The pot now grows to \$180.00.

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Weather Forecasting with Ed Greene

Steve Kady introduced our guest speaker this morning Ed Greene. Ed recently retired from KCNC-Channel 4 as the longest-serving weather forecaster in Denver.

Ed started his career in broadcasting on radio in El Dorado, Arkansas. After six months he moved to Denver's KIMN radio in 1972. In 1976, KMGH Channel 7 was looking for a weather broadcaster. Ed applied along with about a half dozen other applicants. Ed said he had taken a class in weather forecasting in college to satisfy the science requirement, so he pulled out his old textbook and boned up on some weather terms. When he used these terms during his interview they figured Ed actually knew something about weather forecasting, so he was hired.

Ed then made the jump to KCNC Channel 4 in 1981 where he has served ever since. Ed retired as of December 31, 2017 after 42 years in broadcasting as a weather forecaster in the Denver area. He is the longest on-air Denver broadcasting personality.

For the last several months, he has stood in as the early morning news show host on KOA radio. During that time, he was on the 10:00 p.m. TV news broadcast then had to be in for the 5:00 a.m. radio gig the next morning. KOA radio has now hired a permanent host for the early morning radio show, but they have asked Ed to do a Saturday morning question and answer radio show.

Ed shared memories of when they would draw the weather patterns and conditions on dry-erase boards, then went to magnetic boards and finally to computer



Ed Greene
Photo Noel Hasselgren

generated maps. Now the weather forecasters stand in front of a green screen while the computer superimposes the weather maps behind them and they have to look at the monitor just out of the camera range to see the maps. All of the weather broadcasters come up with their own weather predictions based on several computer models generated by various national bureaus. They then tweak the forecasts based on their personal experience with local conditions. Ed said he has learned to hedge his predictions by saying something like, "... *based on the national models we should be getting over 12" of snow but he thinks the storm may deflect north of us which means we may only get a couple of inches.*" With that qualification he is covered either way.

Ed then spent the rest of his time fielding questions and comments. This editor mentioned studies have shown that weather forecasters would be more accurate if they would just say tomorrow's weather will be like what we had today. Ed said he has used this method in the past.



Standing in for Jim Easton, Allen Pierce presents a MSOC coffee mug to Ed Greene, which has the Optimist Creed on it. Ed shared that he is truly interested in the creeds message. Ed's email is Ed@KOANewsRadio.com.

January Super Citizen Presenters

Jan 25 @1:00	McMeen	Mike White
Jan 26 @ 3:00	Bradley	Jon Wachter

Weekly Greeters

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 24	Wed	6:15 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Randy Marcove's, 4103 S. Rosemary Way
Jan 25	Thur	10:15 am	Senior Moments, Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus
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 4-5	Sun		Ski Day at Cooper Mountain, see Bob Avery
Feb 9	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Diane Martini, Marketing Director, Eastern Star Masonic Retirement Campus
Feb 10	Sat	8:00 am	CO-WY 2 nd Quarter Conference, Cianiao's Restaurant, 9650 Sheridan Blvd.
Feb 15	Thur	3:00 pm	TriStar Basketball Club Competition, Cope Boys & Girls Club, 808 Inca Street
Feb 16	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day
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: Are you smarter than the Brain Bowl chair, Karl Geil?

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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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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.