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Good Morning Optimists

On this last day of January 2020, and heading into the Super Bowl LIV and Groundhog Day weekend, we were greeted by **Bob Avery**, **Perry Allen** welcome President **Bob Meyer**.



Bob Avery & Perry Allen greet Prez Bob Meyer on this last day of January 2020.
Photos Noel Hasselgren

GOODBYE JANUARY
SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



First Bell

With the ringing of the first bell, **Prez Bob** calls on **Tom Overton**, Past MSOC President and Past Colorado-Wyoming District Governor to provide the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tidbits of the Past

Prez Bob provides some historical events which happened on this vary date, January 31st.

Birthdays: Franz Schubert, 1798; Zane Grey, 1872; Eddie Cantor, 1892; Talulah Bankhead, 1902; Jackie Robinson, 1919; Nolan Ryan, 1947; Justin Timberlake, 1981; and **Tracy Sorensen**, secretary of the OCMS Board of Directors.

Events on this date include: 1627, Spanish government goes bankrupt; 1865, Congress passes the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery in America and 1865 Congress passes the General Robert E. Lee named Commander-in-Chief of Confederate Armies during US Civil War; 1924, *First Winter Olympics*; 1936, "Green Hornet" radio show is 1st heard on radio in Detroit; 1944, What was suppose to be Operation-Overlord (D-Day) postponed until June; 1950, US President Harry

Truman publicly announces support for the development of a hydrogen bomb; and in 1950 US President Harry Truman publicly announces support for the development of a hydrogen bomb; and in 1999, Super Bowl XXXIII, Denver Broncos beat Atlanta Falcons, 34-19 and the MVP is John Elway.

Announcements

Super Citizen at Ellis Elementary: Don Thomson reported that he and **John Oss** welcomed Ellis Elementary School this week as a new addition to our Super Citizen Program. Recognition was given to five students. According to Don, neither the student recipients or their parents were fluent in English, which required a Spanish interpreter to present the awards. All teachers are fluent in Spanish.

Parents and family members were very appreciative of the honor given to their sons and daughters and all shook Don's hand upon leaving the stage. The administrators and teachers also expressed their thanks to the club as well.



Inaugural Super Citizen presentation at Ellis Elementary School.
Photo John Oss

CO-WY District 2nd Quarter Conference: Treasurer **Greg Young** reminded us that the 2nd Quarter Conference will be held at Maggiano's on Saturday, February 8th and that the club will pay \$25 of the \$40 registration fee for club members in attendance. Just show Greg a copy of your registration form. If this is your first conference attendance, the club will pay the full amount. For those of you who have not attended, this is a great way to get to know members from other clubs and share in activities at the District level. See the District Website for registration form and details: www.optimistcowy.org.

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

Brain Bowl North Region Tournament Report:

2020 Optimist (Brain Bowl) Karl Geil, our ace Brain Bowl provides the following information regarding the North Brain Bowl: "The North Region Optimist Brain Bowl was held on January 25, 2020. The winners were Southern Hills 6B, Stargate 7A, and Eldorado 8A. See the North Regional Results at www.optimistbrainbowl.org/northresults.html.

Of the 151 volunteers who signed in, 20, slightly over 13%, were from Monaco South: **Kent Gloor, Frank Ross, Bill Morgan, Perry Allen, Bob Avery, Allen Malask, Joe Marci, David Telpner, Pat Bush, Mark Smith, Stephen Avery, Allen Pierce, Cesar Camarena, Bob Meyer, Tom Glazier, Craig Eley, John Oss, George Buzick, John Bamford, Phil Perington, and Karl Geil.** The Boulder Luncheon Optimist Club provided the most volunteers with 23. We are now halfway through the Optimist Brain Bowl season.

Next up is the South Regional on February 22, 2020 at Challenger Middle School, 10215 Lexington Drive in Colorado Springs. Although the smallest tournament of the year in terms of number of teams, this is the tournament where we traditionally have trouble staffing, especially in the afternoon. If you can make it there, please come out."

Denver Golf Expo: Joe Marci announced that he would have badges for those working the Golf Expo at next week's meeting. The Expo provides an opportunity to showcase the Districts Junior Golf program. Those who work a shift will receive free tickets to the Expo. Please contact Joe Marci, at 303-847-7844 for more details.

Monaco South Tri-Star Basketball: Michael

Chavez is seeking volunteers for this year's Tri-Star Basketball. Kids compete against others in their own age and gender group (12 groups) in 3 skills: dribbling, shooting and passing. Awards are given to the winners of each group. The club contests will be held at the Cope Boys and Girls Club, 8th and Inca, on Tuesday, February 19th, beginning at 3:30 p.m. We need at minimum 8-10 people for this event, so please sign up.

King Soopers Fundraiser: Frank Middleton reminded us of the "free money" which King Soopers gives for participants in their charity giving. The club had the best quarter ever, receiving \$466 from the rewards program for the last quarter. So far, 23 members are participating.

If you or someone in your family does not have a King Soopers card, you can obtain one online, [CLICK HERE](#), or just called 800-576-4377, pressed 3, to get their card linked using the Club NPO code A161. After the card is linked you will start seeing at the bottom of your receipt, "King Soopers has just donated to the Optimist Club of Monaco South, Denver." Should you have questions, see Frank or give him a call.

Excellence in Education Awards: It was announced that next week we will honor our Part-

ners In Education, "Excellence in Education" award winners—an outstanding educator from one of our southeast Denver Public Schools—including our own members, **Kurt Siebold**, Principal Slavens Elementary, and **Steve Wera**, Principal Bradley International School. **Tom Mauro** will make the presentations. Let us turn out and honor these truly excellent educators!

Memorial for Caroline Graumann: John Oss shared that **Thomas Graumann**, a Friend of Optimist member, wife Caroline Graumann passed on January 21st. There will be a memorial Celebration of Life service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Littleton Bible Chapel, 6023 S Datura St, in Littleton.

John reminded us that Tom, was saved from the Holocaust by Sir Nicholas Winton, and who has faithfully shared his testimony of being saved twice, once from the Holocaust and then by Jesus and has shared this testimony both here in the states and in his home country Czech Republic.

For those of you who may not know, Sir Nicholas George Winton, MBE was born in May 19, 1909 and died July 1, 2015, and was a British humanitarian who established an organization to rescue children at risk from Nazi Germany. Born to German-Jewish parents who had emigrated to Britain, Winton supervised the rescue of 669 children, most of them Jewish, from Czechoslovakia on the eve of World War II. His story was featured on a "60 Minutes: Sir Nicholas Winton "Saving the Children" segment, see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0aoifNziKQ>.


Councilwoman Kendra Black's Newsletter Southeast Denver SCOOP

Are you receiving Councilwomen Black's newsletter? If not you can subscribe by [Clicking Here](#). Kendra, who is another one of our *Friend of Optimist* members, and represents Denver City Council, District 4 in southeast Denver. She and her staff provide highlights of what is going on in our Southeast Denver area and provide insights of what is happening throughout Denver.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM COUNCIL DISTRICT 4!


It may be the dead of winter, but there are still fun things to look forward to!

- **International Winter Bike To Work Day - FEB 14**
Ride your bike to work for #NoDriveFriday and winter bike to work day!
It falls on Valentine's day so be sure to wear red, pink or white!
- **Valentine's Day - FEB 14**
- **President's Day - FEB 17**
Most city offices will be closed on Monday, February 17 in honor of Presidents' Day. Call 911 for emergencies, 311 to report issues, or email District 4 staff.




POLICE DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING - FEB 4
Join Commander Kyle and his team of officers to hear about neighborhood crime statistics and discuss safety.

Tuesday, February 4
6 - 7 PM
DPD District 3 Police Station (1625 S University Blvd)



MCWILLIAMS PARK IMPROVEMENTS - OPEN HOUSE #2 - FEB 6
Join Denver Parks & Recreation in the ongoing conversation of the redesign of McWilliams park playground, basketball court and picnic area. With your help, these improvements will make the park better, safer and more accessible! They are considering removing the dragon/dinosaur. Can't make it? Email christopherschooler@denvergov.org with your comments.

Thursday, February 6
6 - 8 PM
Slavens Elementary School (3000 S Clayton St)

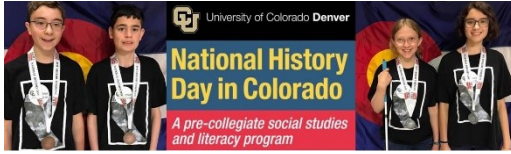


HIGH LINE CANAL WINTER WALKS - FEB 8
Join the Canal in Greenwood Village for Segment 12: Nature Preserve Amble as they talk about the Tree Canopy Care and Stormwater Enhancement projects for all 7.1 miles of the Canal. The walk is free and family-friendly but registration is limited. For more info and to register please visit highlinecanal.org/canal-walks.

Saturday, February 8
8:30 - 11:30 AM

Kayla Gabehart National History Day in Colorado

Speaker today was our old friend from [National History Day in Colorado](#) (NHDC). This is the third time that Associate Director Kayla Gabehart has visited us to



recruit some judges for various Regional contests and the Colorado State final, which will be held on the University of Colorado Denver campus on May 2nd.

Kayla showed a video of last year's National Runner-up video winner, developed by two Colorado middle



Photo from the video showing a picture of the Apollo 1 crew, Roger Chaffee, Virgil "Gus" Grissom, and Ed White II who died.

school students from Southern Hills Middle School. The video demonstrated the lessons learned from the Apollo 1 Disaster, which occurred on January 27, 1967 and how they were used to create a successful landing on the moon of the Apollo 11 on June 17, 1969.

National History Day in Colorado is not a single day. It is a project based social studies and literacy curriculum for middle and high school students. NHDC em-

phasizes critical reading and thinking, thesis development and writing, research analysis, and the drawing of meaningful conclusion in order to equip students with the skills necessary to succeed in college and the real world. The program is a volunteer driven program. As such strong support from the community is required to make it successful. Kayla asks that if you have an interest, please sign up to judge contests at any level you feel comfortable. Training

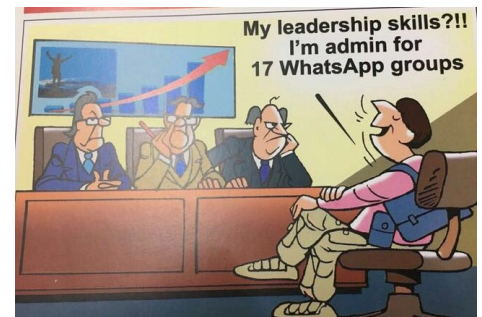
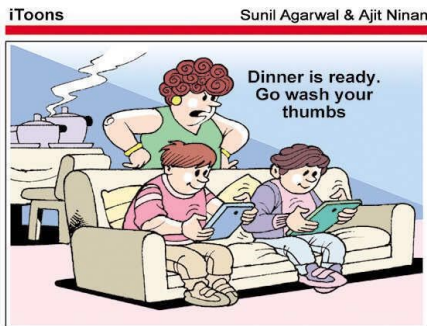


Kayla Gabehart
Photos Noel Hasselgren

events will be held prior to competition. You need not be a history expert to be a judge. For further information and to volunteer please see: <https://clas.ucdenver.edu/nhdc/>

In addition to the regional and state History Day competitions our speaker told us about, Hamilton Middle School needs help determining which of their students' exhibits will be competing at the regional tournament. 6 judges are needed on Monday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to noon, to make that decision. Contact **Karl Geil** at 303-549-8710 for more information.

A Bit of Modern Day Humor Shared by Steve Kady



Drawing

This week it was \$20 for finding the Five of Hearts? OK, we will play! **Mark Metavia** tried a shot at the money, but was unsuccessful. **Phil Perington** gave his ticket to Kayla (our speaker), who was also failed to score. After which others, including, **Craig Eley**, guest **Miko Kasko**, **John Wachter**, **Jack Kleinheksel**, **Russ Paul**, and **Bill Litchfield**, took a cup. It pays to wear your nametag. It also pays to be the "keeper of the cards" while wearing your nametag and having your name picked from the "jar-of-names" by one of your best buddies, who just happens to be the current President of the club. If all these events occur together you are **Ron Cisco** and you win the \$20 prize! *Winky-Winky*.



Not the biggest pot winner, but Ron Cisco went home \$20 richer for finding the Five of Hearts.

Weekly Greeters	
2/7/20	Phil Perington & Allen Malask
2/17/20	Dan Rodriguez & Frank Ross

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

Feb 6	Thu	1:00 pm	Super Citizen, Samuels Elementary DATE CHANGE
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 8	Sat	8:00 am	Colorado/Wyoming 2 nd Qtr. District Conference, Maggiano's, 7401 South Clinton St.
Feb 10	Mon	6:30 pm	New Member Orientation, Silicon Stem Academy, 4201 E Yale Ave., Suite 130
Feb 14	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: TBA
Feb 18	Tue	7:00 am	Ski Day at Copper Mountain. See Bob Avery or Kent Gloor
Feb 18	Tue	2:30 pm	Super Citizen, Most Precious Blood
Feb 19	Wed	3:00 pm	TriStar Basketball Competition, Cope Boys & Girls Club, 808 Inca St.
Feb 20	Thu	6:00 pm	OCMS Board Meeting, Schlessman YMCA, 3901 E. Yale, 2nd Floor Community Room
Feb 21	Fri	7:00 am	Meeting, Legion Hall: Camaraderie Day

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Bob Rhue	1976-77	Lupe Salinas	1988-89	Stan Cohen	2000-01	Paul Simon	2012-13
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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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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.